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Bowling alley to make way for archives

JORDAN **DAY**
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TWO of Ely's biggest family attractions – Strikes Bowling Alley and Planet Zoom – are to close to make way for local archives.

Cambridgeshire County Council has bought the premises, in Angel Drove, from American Amusements Ltd and will be transforming them into a new home for the Cambridgeshire Archives.

The purchase was revealed by the council on Friday afternoon before staff at Strikes and Planet Zoom had been made aware that they could face losing their jobs.

Neil Ainsworth, group operations manager for American Amusements Ltd, which runs Strikes, said: "Yes, Strikes and Planet Zoom in Ely will close but the timescale is very much open-ended at this stage.

"It could be within the next six months, 12 months or we could be talking years – this is not going to happen overnight.

"The county council approached us for the building. It is not a case of Strikes in Ely being an unprofitable business or that we want to get rid of the business.

"When we do close we would very much like to be able to reopen another branch in the Ely area as we've been there for a very long time and we know how popular our amenities are to the community in the Ely area."

The branch currently employs around 20 staff, who were told about the purchase after the council announcement was made.

The council has been working to secure new premises for the archives following an inspection by the National Archives which found that the current accommodation in the basement of Shire Hall, in Cambridge, is no longer fit for purpose.

The council says the new building is well located within easy walking distance of the train station and town centre, and is well suited for housing the archives.

Plans for the site include bringing together the archives from Shire Hall with many of the resources of the Cambridgeshire Collection currently held in Cambridge Central Library, so that researchers can access all these historical treasures under one roof.

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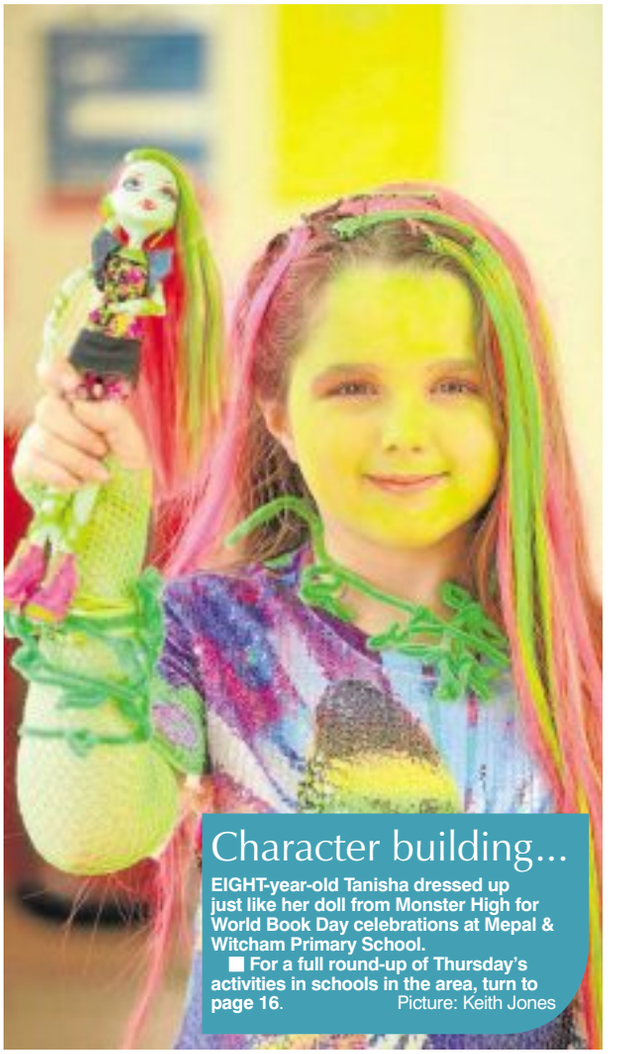

Character building...

EIGHT-year-old Tanisha dressed up just like her doll from Monster High for World Book Day celebrations at Mepal & Witcham Primary School.

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LUCKY: Ollie pictured at home in Stretham with Denise Benzie Picture: Richard Patterson

Life-saving surgery for Ollie the Gum Dog . . .

A SPANIEL had to undergo a lifesaving operation – after it ate almost an entire box of chewing gum.

Doug and Denise Benzie were worried that the gum would get clogged up inside Ollie the Springer Spaniel's stomach.

But the couple, from Stretham, soon realised that that was the least of their worries.

A lot of chewing gum brands, including the one four-year-old Ollie devoured, contain Xylitol – a naturally occurring substance widely used as a sugar substitute which is safe for humans but is extremely toxic to dogs.

Even small amounts of Xylitol can cause seizures, liver failure or even death in dogs.

Thankfully, Denise was at home at the time to spot the remains of the chewing gum packaging, and although unaware exactly what danger beloved Ollie was in, called her pet's vet; Companion Care Vets in Ely, immediately.

Aware how lethal Xylitol is to pooches, the team at the practice told Denise that Ollie needed to be brought to them straight away and with that Doug, who works at Selwyn College in Cambridge, rushed home to drive him there.

Denise said: "We had absolutely no idea that chewing gum is so harmful to dogs.

"I was more concerned about it all getting stuck inside his stomach.

"He had to stay at the vets overnight and thankfully they were able to remove all the Xylitol from his body.

"It was a big operation and thank goodness he is insured as the cost came to just under £700."

Denise, who has two sons, Lee, 25, and Sam, 22, who both serve in the Navy, said: "Sam left the box lying on his bed when he left the house.

"It was a box of chewing gum – bigger than a normal packet – and we think Ollie munched his way through the majority of the contents.

"The consequences could've been devastating."

COURT

Benefit cheat, 53, sentenced

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A MAN who falsely claimed almost £20,000 in benefits has avoided a jail sentence.

Paul Day, of Wisbech Road, Littleport, pleaded guilty to falsely claiming housing and council tax benefit totalling £17,732 at Cambridge Magistrates' Court.

The court heard how Day, 53, failed to notify East Cambridgeshire District Council of a change in circumstance.

In August 2010, he made a claim for housing and council tax benefit on the basis that he was unemployed and in receipt of jobseekers allowance.

He then failed to declare to the council that his situation had changed after he took up full-time employment in November 2010.

The fraud was identified using the new HMRC Real Time Information data matching process which matched Day's National Insurance number to income tax being paid for employment.

The charges were made by Anglia Revenues Partnership on behalf of the council and the Department of Work and Pensions.

Day was sentenced to a 12-month community order with the requirement to complete 120 hours of unpaid work in the local community.

He was also ordered to pay £400 court costs, as well as the money he falsely claimed.

Linda Grinnell, financial services manager at the council, said: "Benefit fraud is a very serious crime with the taxpayer ending up paying for those who cheat the system.

"This sentence should act as a real deterrent to anyone who thinks they can get away with claiming money they are not entitled to."

Fairtrade fun at church

A FAIRTRADE coffee morning went down a storm in Wicken.

The event was held at the village's Methodist Church on Saturday as part of national Fairtrade Fortnight.

Visitors enjoyed a variety of homemade cakes and teas and were able to purchase a wide range of Fairtrade products, including biscuits and crafts. Proceeds will be donated to the Fairtrade Foundation.

NATIONAL HEALTH SERVICE

Film will explore NHS changes

CHANGES to the NHS will be the subject of a film screening in Ely on Saturday.

The event, supported by the '999 Call for the NHS group', is at the city's library, in the Cloisters, and will be followed by a discussion.

A spokeswoman said the film 'reveals the private negotiations and underhand deals that have begun the fragmentation and privatisation of the National Health System'.

The film starts at 1.30pm. Visit www.999callfornhs.org.uk.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Clinic could relocate

A PHYSIOTHERAPY clinic in Ely looks set to relocate.

Jacqueline Morris, who runs Fenland Physio, in Back Lane, has applied for planning permission to change the use of 36B, Forehill.

To have your say on the plans, visit www.eastcambs.gov.uk.

Children's voices raise the (cathedral) roof . .

CHILDREN were given the chance to perform at Ely Cathedral.

More than 300 primary school pupils from across the county descended on the Ship of the Fens to sing their hearts out on Tuesday.

The musical extravaganza, called the Chorister Outreach Concert, is part of the cathedral's outreach programme. The project sees Paul Trepte, director of music at the cathedral, and Rebecca Duckworth, a local professional singing tutor, visiting schools to teach children vocal techniques and warm-up practices.

The concert allows the children to show off what they have learned.

More pictures online at ely-news.co.uk

A spring exhibition

ART and Textiles students at King's Ely are exhibiting their work to the public. Everything from fashion to photography will be on display from Saturday through to March 27. Access is via The Gallery and entry is free.

Clairvoyance evening

A CLAIRVOYANCE evening is being held in Ely next week.

The evening, with Netty Houghton, is at Oliver Cromwell House on Wednesday, March 18 at 7pm.

Tickets are £15 each and are available by calling (01353) 662062.

CRIME

Gangs target Transit vans

RAYMOND **BROWN**
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CRIMINAL gangs using technology to break into vehicles in Cambridgeshire without leaving a trace have now struck around 30 times.

Detectives issued a warning to motorists last week after at least 15 vans in the region were targeted over a few day.

Since February 23, there have been a further three offences in Cambridge, six in East Cambridgeshire, including in Ely and Littleport, and three in South Cambridgeshire. They were all Ford Transit vans that showed no signs of break in.

Reports have also been coming in of vans being targeted in St Ives, St Neots and Duxford.

PCSO Jonathan Hall, who is based in Littleport, issued a warning to traders via the force's ecops messaging system.

He said: "There has been a rather concerning number of incidents of tool theft recently.

"These thefts are mainly targeting the working persons' vans. They are happening across the Ely sector and beyond, and show no sign of stopping just yet.

"There has already been one incident of tool theft from a van in Littleport. A thousand pounds worth of tools were taken on that occasion."

The cheap devices can be purchased online for a few pounds and use an electromagnetic pulse to open a vehicle's lock.

Police suspect such devices are being used by the thieves to bypass electronic security systems on cars and vans.

Detective Sergeant Graham Newton said: "We are doing everything we can to catch those responsible for these thefts but we would also encourage members of the public to be vigilant.

"Many of the offences have happened when the vans are parked and left overnight, so we would encourage owners to remove valuable items at these times.

"It is also advisable to leave vehicles in well-lit, over-looked areas, if at all possible."

CRIME

Suspected immigrants found at farm

THREE suspected illegal immigrants were discovered on a lorry in Barway.

The men, all Iranian and aged 16, 18 and 29, were found on the vehicle, which had come from Spain, at G's Growers, at around 3.40pm on Friday. All three were arrested on suspicion of immigration offences. The 29-year-old man remains in police custody and the two teens are being dealt with by the Home Office.

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IN THE SADDLE: Zara on the cross country course. Pictures by Geoff Robinson

Zara Phillips competes at horse trials

ZARA Phillips MBE was among hundreds of horse riders who flocked to Isleham at the weekend.

The Whitehall Farm Event Complex, run by the Tompsett family, held its annual horse trials, which attracted more than 500 competitors.

Zara, 33, who is the second-eldest grandchild of Her Majesty The Queen and Prince Philip, took part in dressage, show jumping and cross country at the event.

She entered two horses, Hunua and High Kingdom – which she won a silver medal on in the 2012 Olympics.

Jackie Seddon, joint organiser of the trials, said: "Zara was lovely – just like all the horse owners who attended.

"She was happy and relaxed, and that's the sort of atmosphere we aim for each year."

The two-day event, now in its 24th year, was held to raise money for the Addenbrooke's Charitable Trust.

Jackie said: "The weekend was a huge success, attracting competitors from far and wide. Plans are now under way for our 25th anniversary next year."

EDUCATION

New school – building delay

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DELAYS to the building of Ely's new primary school means the state-of-the-art facilities will not be ready in time for the start of the next school year.

Cambridgeshire County Council and the Active Learning Trust (ALT), which is operating the Isle of Ely Primary School, were hoping the new buildings in Cam Drive would be finished in time for September.

But on Monday the council announced they will not be complete until next January.

In the meantime, the authority says it has reached an agreement for the school to stay at its current, temporary site – Ely St Mary's Junior School, in High Barns, until Christmas.

A council spokesman said: "An agreement has now been reached between the county council and the governing body of Ely St Mary's Junior for the school to stay on the site until the new school buildings are ready to open in January 2016.

"Ely St Mary's will also provide additional classrooms so the Isle of Ely Primary School can accommodate Reception children starting in September.

"Remaining at the Ely St Mary's site for another term has several benefits. It means staff and children of the Isle of Ely will not have to move to a different temporary location for just a single term, and also that the county council will not have to invest in the preparation of a new site to provide temporary mobile classrooms."

Gary Peile, deputy chief executive of the ALT, said: "The trust is pleased this solution has been found and is grateful both to the county council and the governors of St Mary's for their continued support for the Isle of Ely Primary.

"We hope this partnership will continue for the benefit of the pupils from both schools."

CRIME

Teenagers punched in face in city park

TWO teenage boys were punched in the face in an unprovoked attack in Ely.

The victims, both male, were with a group of friends in Pocket Park, off Cresswells Lane, when a group of three men wearing hoodies and bandanas approached them.

The men then punched the boys in the face.

The incident happened at around 8.30pm on Friday, and police are investigating.

A spokesman for Cambridgeshire Police said: "Two teenage boys were in Pocket Park with friends when a group of three men wearing hoodies and bandanas approached them before punching them to the face.

"The boys suffered minor injuries in the assault.

"The three men were described as male and in their late teens or early 20s."

Anyone with any information is urged to call police on 101.

NEW BUSINESS

New M&S Simply Food store plans approved by council

PLANS to open a Marks and Spencer (M&S) food store in Littleport have been approved.

It was in January that local businessman Jonathan James applied for planning permission to erect new M&S Simply Food and Wild Bean Cafe signage at the BP service station, in Wisbech Road.

The application was submitted just months after Mr James won planning permission to extend the sales area of the garage.

Littleport Parish Council said it had no objections to the latest proposals, which have now been approved by East Cambridgeshire District Council. It will be the second M&S Simply Food outlet in the Ely area, following the retail giant's move into the BP service station just a few miles down the road in Witchford Road, Ely, in 2012.

ACCIDENT

Veolia man injured on round in Ely

A REFUSE collector was injured in an incident in Ely.

The man, who is in his 50's and works for Veolia, was collecting waste in St Ovins Green at around 10.30am on Friday when he suffered head injuries.

It is not known exactly what happened but a spokesman for East Cambridgeshire District Council, which contracts Veolia to collect refuse and recycling in the district, said: "We're pleased to say the man was treated at hospital and released the following day. A full investigation will be carried out by Veolia's health and safety manager."

Emergency services, including the East Anglian Air Ambulance (EAAA) were called to the incident.

A spokeswoman for the East of England Ambulance Service said: "An ambulance crew, East Anglian Air Ambulance and a rapid response vehicle attended and treated a man with head injuries.

"He was taken to Addenbrooke's Hospital by land ambulance for further care."

A spokeswoman for the EAAA said: "The man suffered head injuries in an incident. The call which we received was that something had fallen on him."

Viva! takes 'Oliver' to West End

SOHAM'S award-winning Viva! Youth Theatre group took to the stage in the West End on Sunday.

The talented troupe performed 'Oliver' to a packed audience at London's Shaw Theatre after staging the popular show at The Brook, in Soham, from Wednesday through to Saturday.

Oliver was played by 10-year-old Zak Potts, who has been performing from the age of 6. The show in London saw the whole cast travelling to the capital, as well as the back-stage team, set and costumes.

The production was directed by Dan Schumann and Viva! are performing 'Abigail's Party' in June. Visit www.viva-group.org.uk.

TREADING THE BOARDS: The cast of Oliver got to perform at the Shaw Theatre in London on Sunday

HEALTH

Natasha's call after 'terrifying' cancer scare

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A BEAUTICIAN is urging women to have regular cervical screening tests following a "terrifying" cancer scare.

Natasha Parr, 26, says she kept putting off having the screening, previously known as a smear test, as she "felt embarrassed".

But last week, Natasha, from Ely, had to undergo an operation at Addenbrooke's after the results of her first ever screening showed she had abnormal cells which, if they had not been treated, could have developed into cervical cancer.

Former Soham Village College pupil Natasha, who works as an accounts manager for Yves Saint Laurent at Debenhams at The Grafton in Cambridge, said: "The legal age for the test is 25 and I'm urging women to get the test as soon as they reach that age.

RELIEVED: Natasha Parr

"I'm sure most girls feel how I did – I felt embarrassed and kept putting it off. My mum kept telling me I needed to book an appointment but it just felt like something that could wait.

"It wasn't until I broke my foot not long after Christmas that my doctor said he was going to book me in for the test.

"I was going for check-ups for my foot pretty much every week and he said that because cancer is really common in my family I needed to get it done."

Natasha, who lives off Mulberry Way with her partner, Damien Challis, 28, had the test last month. The results showed she had a large number of abnormal cells, so last Thursday she had a colposcopy to remove them.

She said: "It was terrifying to be honest. The colposcopy itself was fine and everyone at Addenbrooke's was amazing, but it was scary to think that those cells could have turned cancerous any day.

"It's also scary to think that if I hadn't had the test I would've been none the wiser. I'm now waiting for the results of my biopsy and I'm just praying that everything will be okay."

All women aged 25 to 64 are eligible for a cervical screenings.

Letters

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A dull evening

DULL and disappointing. That was my verdict on Thursday night's South East Cambridgeshire constituency election hustings held in our wonderful Ely Cathedral.
The organisers – the Ely Cathedral Business Group – did their best; the five (so far) candidates to succeed Sir James Paice as our MP were worthy and well-meaning; and those in the audience (I estimated some 150 to 200 persons) were appreciative. I did my best to liven things up with a heckle here and a 'hear, hear' there but I came away deflated and disillusioned and – dare I say it – thinking that I could have done a better job had I been on the panel.
In the latter context, much the most amusing moment was when a friend, Mr Ross Clark, of Reach, a freelance journalist who writes for *The Times*, *The Telegraph*, the *Daily Express* and *The Mail*, said, 'I hope you stand again, Geoffrey: you brought gaiety to the last election.' I'm sure that Ross meant that as a compliment: I took it thus. But, as Mr Asquith said several times in 1910, 'Wait and see.'
As one who is in favour of the UK remaining a member of the European Union, the best bit for me was a favourable mention by one of the leading candidates, Mr Huw Jones for Labour, of UK membership of the EU. The mention produced 'hear, hear!' from me and from others and a general round of applause. Perhaps this was one in the eye for UKIP and the anti-EU rhetoric from right wing Tories. All other mentions of Europe and/or the EU produced similar reactions. There is some hope on the horizon at last.
An interesting question was about the disparity in pay between those 'at the top' and those 'at the bottom' and the effect of taxes thereon. I was able to intervene and said something along the lines of the question that I had prepared: 'The ConDem government boasts about having cut taxes for the well-off (by the Conservatives) and for the less well-off (by the Lib Dems). What is the point of all of this tax-cutting if there are potholes everywhere, if home helps have just 15 minutes for a visit and if school budgets, far from being 'protected,' as Mr Cameron says, are actually being reduced?' This also drew applause and I was pleased.
The people on the panel at the cathedral were all party people. They were asked about how much time and effort they would devote to representing the people of South East Cambridgeshire and, by implication, to what extent they would be told what to do by their respective parties' whipping systems.
The UKIP lady said that her party doesn't hold with party whipping. I didn't believe her. The Conservative lady indicated that she would fight for us. I shouted out, 'What about the whips?' Mr Jonathan Chatfield, the Liberal Democrat gentleman, then said, inter alia, 'We need more Independent MPs.' I don't know whether Mr Chatfield meant to say it but I gave him a hearty cheer for so doing. We do need more Independent MPs!
Geoffrey Woollard
St Andrew's Park
Soham

Did you take this photograph?

**Charles Merivale was Dean of Ely from 1869 to 1893 and was connected by marriage to the Gibbs family of Tyntesfield.
This property, near Bristol, is now owned by the National Trust and will shortly house an exhibition of Gibbs' family history.
As part of this I have been asked to prepare a short film illustrating Dean Merivale's connection with Ely and rowing.
In addition to his being an eminent scholar and theologian Charles was co-instigator of the first University Boat Race and on March 8, 2008, the bicentenary of his birth was celebrated by a race on the Ely Ouse using boats similar to the originals. Among the spectators was an unknown photographer who captured footage of part of the race.
We would very much like to know who this was and perhaps use the material as part of a film. If you are the photographer in question or know their identity please contact Jack Waterfall, 1 Castelhythe, Ely, CB7 4BU.
Telephone: 01353 665665 or 07767 795895.**
Jack Waterfall
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Attack not fair

I WOULD like to thank the Ely Cathedral Business Group for organising the "Question Time" event in the Cathedral last Thursday. It was a great opportunity to meet the parliamentary candidates for SE Cambs and hear their policies.
I was disappointed that there were not more younger people present (I felt incredibly young as a 30 year old in an audience made up predominantly of 55+ age group).
As expected at these events, there was some mud-slinging, which was taken in good grace.
However, I was saddened at the green-eyed attacks on the Conservative candidate. A member of the audience (who I later discovered stood as a candidate previously) and the Labour representative tried to imply that her professional achievements, such as becoming a QC and being praised as "someone to watch" in the political arena, were to be frowned upon.
It is disheartening that anyone could suggest that an intellectual, successful, ambitious woman is in anyway a negative thing. Such attributes would surely only assist an MP in gaining influence in the Commons, which would in turn benefit this constituency. Other than these unattractive views, it was a great night.
Well done to all the candidates and the Ely Cathedral Business Group.
Laura Heaton
Address supplied

Drastic action

ACCORDING to several people involved with Soham Village College, over many years, it has been the aim to get Footpath 102 closed.
Its controversial acquisition of the leasehold of Ross Peers was expected to make closure easier.
Now we are told that owing to anti-social behaviour and crime, by members of the public, the police are looking to obtain a Public Place Protection Order. I sincerely hope that the issuing authority will consult the school's neighbours, and local community, as yet again what the school does has a knock on effect for others. Incidentally there is a difference between a PPPO and closure which would be through Cambridgeshire County Council as it owns the foothpath.
How odd that nobody is prepared to say what the criminal activity is as application for a PPPO has to fully state reasons.
I hope your paper has submitted an FOI to obtain this information as such action is pretty drastic without a full explanation given how much ASB activity there is on school property and surrounding area both during and after school hours.
Name and address supplied

Food for thought

A RECENT article in a major Sunday newspaper suggested that by 2017, GM crops would be growing in this country. The article suggested that it would be a positive move on behalf of the UK. Maybe it's time for journalists to conduct more research on the subject.
Decisions on the future of our food and agriculture should not be based on misrepresentative claims that a scientific consensus states that GM crops are safe when there is much evidence coming to the fore suggesting that this is not so.
There are two categories of GM, those engineered to withstand high amounts of herbicide and those engineered to produce their own internal insecticide.
We were told that GM crops would be the answer to the world over population crisis and that they would reduce the need for toxic pesticides. This is not however the case.
Superweeds resistant to chemicals are spreading and as a result even more toxic chemicals are being used.
In the US weed resistance has been reported in approximately 60 million farm acres across the country.
Studies of GM foods have shown tumors, liver/kidney damage, allergic reactions and more. A nutritional analysis of GM versus non GM corn showed shocking differences in nutritional content.
Apart from being much less nutritious GM corn was also found to contain glyphosate a substance hazardous to health.
Cross pollination of the same plant is low-tech and can occur naturally. Genetic modification of seeds is done in a lab and often crosses different biological kingdoms, such as crossing a bacteria with a plant the unintended adverse effects of which may be incalculably large and impossible to ascertain before they are released into the biosphere.
At the beginning of this year a statement signed by 300 scientists, researchers, physicians and scholars was published in the journal 'Environmental Sciences Europe' asserting that there is no scientific consensus on the safety of GMOs.

Letters of the month

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Moreover the paper states that the claim of scientific consensus on GMO safety is in actuality 'an artificial construct that has been falsely perpetuated'.
Jeffrey Smith, GMO expert and founder of the Institute for Responsible Technology states: 'I can say with absolute confidence that there is irrefutable and overwhelming evidence that genetically engineered foods are harmful and they are not being evaluated properly by the governments of the US, India, the European Union or indeed anywhere else in the world. This is one of the most dangerous technologies ever introduced on earth and it is being deployed in our food chain'.
Kate Travers
High Street
Sutton

Good news

IT IS great news that the county archives and "bolt on" services are coming to Ely which is such a heritage centre.
The rail links to Ely are excellent (and improving) so near Ely Station is an excellent location.
A building employing staff and being used is so much better than a closed empty one.
Bill Hunt
County and District Councillor

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MEMBERS of the City of Ely Council are holding their first 'Drop in' at the Sessions House, from 9.30am-12.30pm on Saturday, March 21.
We would be delighted to meet you and speak to you about issues you may wish to raise, or explanations of what has been happening over the last four years.
It will also be an opportunity for you to contribute your ideas to the plans we have for the future.
We are also holding three guided tours on the day run by Tina Barnes and other magistrates who worked in the Sessions House for many years. These are lively and fascinating tours. They will start at 10.30, 11.30 and 1.30.
In order to manage numbers, please email me on elisabeth.every@cityofelycouncil.org.uk or ring (01353) 665815 (please leave a message if I don't pick up).
The Sessions House is a listed building and there may be some access issues for the tours. If you have any queries, please contact me. Do come and talk to us and give us your views. We look forward to seeing you on the 21st.
Cllr Lis Every
Mayor of Ely

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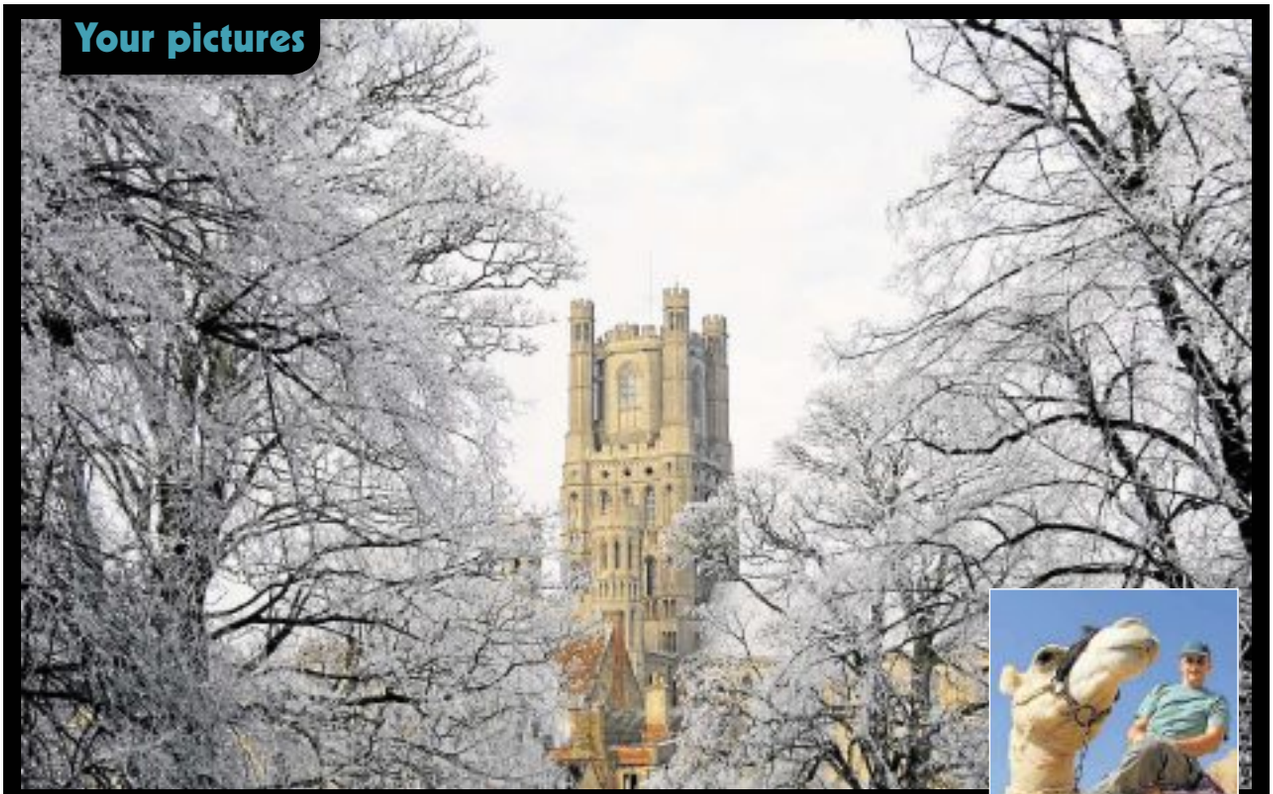

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A review of the Cann twins' concert in the Hayward Theatre, King's School, on March 6

WITHIN the heart of our fair city of Ely a number of first-rate concerts are held in the Hayward Theatre on a regular basis as part of the King's School Concert Series. One of these concerts took place on March 6 and was very well worth attending.
The amazing Cann twins gave us a delightful evening of piano music, played for the most part on two separate grand pianos and from memory. Their tremendous technique, empathy with the music and between each other and their meaningful expression gave the music extra warmth and accessibility.
They played works by Shostakovich, Cui, Tchaikovsky, Liszt, Rimsky Korsakoff, Rachmaninoff and Gershwin. They also included a fascinating work of their own called 'Black and White Suite' in which Tony played the trumpet for the first 'Fanfare' movement.
The evening opened with 'Concertino for Two Pianos' by Shostakovich and these phenomenal pianists brought his sounds to life, whether spiky, sonorous, or robust. An exquisite 'Notturno' by Cui followed and then their arrangement of three movements from Tchaikovsky's 'Swan Lake' Suite recalled this very popular music clearly.
A dazzling piano duet of Liszt's 'Hungarian Rhapsody no 2' ended the first half of this popular programme.
With amazing skill they whizzed through the 'Flight of the Bumble Bee' by Rimsky Korsakoff to bring us to the second half of the programme. Then the origins of the 'Tarantella' – music composed to represent jittery dancing inspired by the fearful tarantula spider were perfectly portrayed in the second movement of their offering by Rachmaninoff. The first movement: 'Romance', was 'romantic' indeed.
The evening culminated with Percy Grainger's arrangement of 'Fantasia on Porgy and Bess' and it was wonderful to hear all those favourite songs brought to light again, such as 'Summer time' and 'Bess, you is my woman now'.
A short encore, The Chinese Dance, ended a most enjoyable evening.
Rosemary Westwell

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Mothers Day Greetings

BLESSING and Karen — A little message to say you are the best mums and mother—in—laws, always there, always supportive, we love you both to bits! Happy Mother's Day.

Family Announcements

Deaths

OGDEN PHYLLIS IRENE

Passed away on Monday, 23 February, aged 89 years 11 months. A beloved sister, aunt, great-aunt and great-great aunt, and dear friend to many in the UK and Peru. Funeral service to be held at St Paul's Church, Hills Road, Cambridge at 1.30pm on Friday, 20 March, followed by a Committal at the Cambridge City Crematorium at 4 pm. Donations in lieu of flowers for the 'Latin Link Peru Leadership Development Fund' may be sent to Weyman Funeral Services, 26 Abbey Walk, Cambridge, CB1 2QJ Tel: 01223 354289.

EILEEN HACKER

of Ely

passed away peacefully at Addenbrooke's Hospital on Thursday 5th March, 2015 aged 95 years. Loving wife of Charles, mother to Rita and Pamela, mother-in-law to Christopher, very much loved by Grandchildren and Great Grandchildren. Funeral Service at Cambridge Crematorium, East Chapel on Tuesday 17th March at 2.30pm. Family flowers only, but donations in her memory for East Anglia Air Ambulance may be sent to C E Fuller and Co, 23 Hall Street, Soham CB7 5BN. Tel. 01353 720439

PEACOCK Jill

Formerly of Soham.

Passed away at Hinchingbrooke Hospital on Wednesday 4th March 2015 aged 71 years. Beloved wife of the late Alan "Goldie", dearly loved mum of Jane, a much loved nanny, great-grandmother and friend to many.

Funeral service at St. Peter's Church Ely on Wednesday 25th March at 2:30pm followed by committal at West Suffolk Crematorium at 3.45pm.

Everyone is welcome to attend a celebration of her life at The Comrades Club, Market Street, Soham from 4.30pm onwards.

Flowers and all enquiries please to C. E. Fuller & Co, 23 Hall Street, Soham, Cambs, CB7 5BN, Tel. 01353 720439

HOBBS Una

Passed peacefully away at her home in Soham on Wednesday 4th March aged 94 years. Much loved wife of the late Archie and mother of Michael, Patricia and daughter-in-law to Jackie. A wonderful Nana and great-nana.

Funeral service to be held at St Andrew's Church Soham on Friday 13th March at 10:30 am followed by interment at Soham Cemetery.

Family flowers only but donations for The Staploe Medical Centre may be left at the service or sent to C. E. Fuller & Co, 23 Hall Street, Soham, Cambs, CB7 5BN, tel. 01353 720439.

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READ Bernard (Bernie)

Of Ely

Peacefully at Addenbrokes Hospital on his 82nd birthday, Wednesday 4th March 2015. Much loved dad of Sarah, Anthony and Bradley, dear grandad to Eleanor and Ben. Special friend to Lesley, father-in-law of Bob and a dear brother.

Funeral service at St. Mary's Church Ely on Wednesday 18th March at 1.30pm followed by interment at Ely Cemetery.

Family flowers only but donations if desired for Baird Lodge Social Fund or Ward G4 Addenbrookes Hospital (cheques payable to ACT) may be left at the service or sent to C. E. Fuller & Co, 23 Hall Street, Soham, Cambs, CB7 5BN, Tel. 01353 720439

SOUTHGATE Richard John (Dick)

Of Ely

Passed away at Hilton Park Care Home, Bottisham on Tuesday 3rd March 2015 aged 76 years. Loving brother of Jennifer, also uncle and great-uncle. Remembered with affection.

Committal Service at Fenland Crematorium, March on Wednesday 1st April 2015 at 1.30pm followed by Thanksgiving Service at Ely Methodist Church at 2.30pm.

Family flowers only but donations, if desired, for Ely Methodist Church may be left at the service or sent to Ely Funeral Service, 4 Tower Road, Ely, Cambs CB7 4HW. Telephone: 01353 666566.

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MARKHAM

The family of the late Olive and Albert Edgar Markham wish to express their sincere thanks for cards and messages of sympathy received during their recent sad loss.

A special thank you to all who attended the funeral service and gave generous donations in their memory for RNLI and East Anglian Air Ambulance which amounted to £800.00.

In Memoriam

JOAN PEACOCK

11th March 2014

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DANCING SHOES: Holly Dack and Rhiannon Kelly have raised more than £400 for Comic Relief by dancing their socks off at Wembley Arena

Girls join celebs in danceathon

FRIENDS Holly Dack and Rhiannon Kelly shook their stuff in London on Sunday to raise funds for Comic Relief.

The 10-year-olds, both pupils at Ely's Lantern Primary School, danced their way through hundreds of tunes during a six-hour danceathon at Wembley Arena.

Holly and Rhiannon were among more than 2,000 people who took part, including an array of celebrities including Jo Whiley and Kimberly Wyatt.

The whole day was screened live on the BBC red button, and to date the pair have raised more than £400. To sponsor them, visit http://my.rednoseday.com/sponsor/HollyDack.

DEVELOPMENT

Local Plan is approved

JORDAN **DAY**
@JordanDayCN

EAST Cambridgeshire's Local Plan – which will manage growth and development in the district over the next 20 years – has taken a major step forward.

The council announced on Tuesday that the blueprint has been approved by a planning inspector.

The Local Plan, which seeks to ensure development in the district is 'sustainable' by looking at how much, where and when development should take place, will now go to Full Council in April to be formally ratified.

The plan proposes the council will provide for the delivery of 11,500 new homes, maximise opportunities for jobs growth with the aim of achieving a minimum of 9,200 additional jobs, and ensure infrastructure such as schools, opens spaces and leisure facilities are built alongside the new growth.

Cllr Kevin Ellis, chairman of the council's corporate governance and finance committee, said: "It is a fantastic achievement to have the Local Plan passed by a planning inspector.

"It is important to note the document is the result of collaboration with residents, parish councils and other organisations in East Cambridgeshire. Without their support through various consultations and discussions we would not be in the strong position we are in now of being able to take forward growth."

HOMES PLAN

Witcham plans get the go ahead

PLANS to build new homes where a village car dealership currently is have been given the go-ahead.

Colin Every, the owner of independent Volvo dealership, Kings of Witcham, has been trying to secure planning permission to re-develop the site in The Slade, Witcham, for around five years.

The proposals to build seven homes and three "flexible dwellings with potential for employment use" have now been approved by the district council.

Mr Every, husband of Ely's Mayor, said: "We're pleased with the decision. Our plan is to now, over the next few years, relocate the business to a more visible site somewhere perhaps nearer Ely."

GENERAL ELECTION

It's question time . . .

THE CANDIDATES: From left, Deborah Rennie (UKIP), Michael Watson (chair of the meeting), Huw Jones (Labour), Lucy Frazer QC (Conservative), Jonathan Chatfield (Liberal Democrat), Tom Green (chair of the Ely Cathedral Business Group) and Clive Semmens (Green Party)

JORDAN **DAY**
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IMMIGRATION, education and wind turbines were among the topics of questions fired at the candidates standing for the South East Cambridgeshire seat in the forthcoming General Election.

Voters were able to ask all the candidates questions at a hustings event at Ely Cathedral on Thursday night.

The panel consisted of Jonathan Chatfield (Liberal Democrat), Lucy Frazer (Conservative), Huw Jones (Labour), Debbie Rennie (UKIP) and Clive Semmens (Green Party) who will all be contesting the seat currently held for the Conservatives by Sir Jim Paice who is standing down at the election.

The candidates had no prior knowledge about the questions, the majority of which were submitted to the organisers, the Ely Cathedral Business Group, in advance, and some of which were taken from the audience of around 200 people.

Questions covered a wide variety of subjects, including local education, health, business and renewable energy, including the ever-increasing number of solar farms and wind turbines being erected in the constituency.

National issues were also raised, including immigration, taxes and the ever controversial subject of MP's salaries and expenses.

When asked whether they would accept the offer of a pay rise, if they were elected in May, the candidates all said that MP salaries and pay rises should be decided by an independent parliamentary body.

The candidates were also quizzed as to whether being the local MP would be their main focus, or whether they would still carry out their day job, to which all replied that being the MP would be their only job.

A spokesman for the Ely Cathedral Business Group said: "We hope that by bringing these key parties together in our magnificent cathedral, members of the community who attended felt better informed as to which way to vote on May 7."

NEWS IN BRIEF

Fun for nature-loving adults and youngsters

CHILDREN can become wildlife trackers at an event in Ely on Saturday.

The Ely Wildlife Watch group is inviting families to a 'trailblazing' activity where they can find out about animal journeys and look for tracks and signs left by secretive animals.

Families should meet at the fisherman's car park, in Willow Walk, at 2pm. The cost is 50p per child. For information, call (01353) 664745.

Felines to strut their stuff at annual show

THE Ely and District Cats Protection branch is holding its annual cat show on Saturday.

Pedigrees and moggies of all shapes and sizes will be competing at the event at Little Downham Village Hall, plus there will be cats which are looking for homes. The event is running from 11am-3.30pm. Call (01353) 699430 for details.

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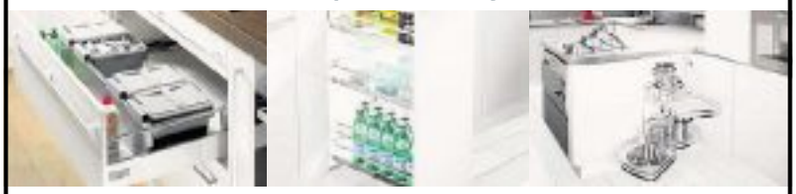

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PRAYER TIME: Women's World Day of Prayer service at Ely Methodist Church

Women's World Day of Prayer in Ely

A RAINBOW of colour filled Ely Methodist Church for an annual prayer celebration.

More than 170 countries marked the Annual Women's World Day of Prayer on Friday, including the city's Methodist Church.

This year's service was prepared by women of The Bahamas, and saw a colourful Caribbean setting merging with the theme of radical, unconditional love for others, as shown by Jesus when he washed his disciples' feet, saying: "Do you know what I have done to you?"

Men and women of all ages, as well as children, were invited to attend the service.

Visit www.wwdp.org.uk for more information about Women's World Day of Prayer.

AGRICULTURE

New rules will affect farmers

JORDAN **DAY**
@JordanDayCN

TIGHTER water abstraction rules threaten to have a profound impact on UK food production – particularly in the Ely area, growers have been warned.

Time-limited water abstraction licences due to expire this year and beyond are being assessed by the Environment Agency to ensure they comply with the EU Water Framework Directive (WFD).

In some circumstances, licence conditions may change if there is deemed to be a risk of environmental deterioration.

The impact of any changes are most likely to be felt initially in the Cam and Ely Ouse catchment – which encompasses some of the UK's most productive farmland in East Anglia.

UK Irrigation Association (UKIA) executive secretary, Melvyn Kay, said: "These changes could have profound impacts on individual irrigated farming businesses.

"They could affect the nature and composition of irrigated food production – as well as beyond the farm gate in terms of fresh produce supply chains.

"In particular, it raises important questions about how changes in future licensed allocation might impact on growers' ability to cope with future dry years, how they can maximise productivity and economic output and how best to plan strategically for changes in future water allocation."

It is estimated that more than 1,000 UK agri-businesses depend on irrigation to supply high-quality fresh fruit and vegetables to supermarkets.

Over the next 10 weeks, researchers also hope to assess the vulnerability of aquatic ecology in the Cam and Ely Ouse to abstraction and other pressures.

DEVELOPMENT

MP submits barn conversion plans

MP Sir Jim Paice wants to give an agricultural barn in Soham a new lease of life.

The South East Cambridgeshire MP, who is standing down in May, and his wife, Ava, have applied to East Cambridgeshire District Council for planning permission to renovate a barn at Saxon Farm in Long Dolver Drove into a residential dwelling.

In the application, the Fordham couple's agents, Cheffins, said: "The design of the new dwelling aims to retain the agricultural character of the building and is designed internally to make full use of the building's orientation and the existing openings.

"The application building adjoins two open-sided farm shelters used for the storage of cattle over winter. These are proposed to be removed, they are not suitable for conversion and the site would benefit visually from their removal."

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NEWS IN BRIEF

Grants are up for grabs

CHARITIES and community groups in the Ely area could get their hands on a £1,000 grant.

Regional developers, Persimmon Homes East Midlands, have launched a new Persimmon Community Champions scheme, where charities and groups can apply for funding up to the value of £1,000 to match money they have already raised themselves. Nationwide the company will donate a total of £750,000. Visit www.persimmonhomes.com/charity.

Film screening in aid of human rights work

'PRIDE' – winner of the 2015 BAFTA for Outstanding debut by a British writer and producer – is being screened in Ely on Saturday.

The Amnesty International Ely City Group is hosting the screening at the Old Palace at 7.30pm. Tickets are £6.50 and all profits will go towards Amnesty's human rights work. Pop into Burrows Bookshop in Ely for tickets.

CAMPAIGN

DELIGHTED: Families have been campaigning for a pedestrian crossing to be built in Main Street, Little Downham, for some time

Crossing is on its way

JORDAN **DAY**
@JordanDayCN

WORK on building a pedestrian crossing on a "dangerous" road outside a primary school is due to finally start this week.

The new zebra crossing outside Downham Feoffees Primary School in Main Street, Little Downham, was due to be installed before Christmas, but following numerous delays, Cambridgeshire County Council and contractors Balfour Beatty said work on the crossing would start tomorrow at the latest.

The crossing is being built following a vigorous campaign from Emma Turrell, a mum-of-two and childminder who lives in the village, and other parents who insist children's lives are currently at risk crossing the road.

She launched her campaign in the summer of 2013 and received backing from hundreds of people, including her local MP, Steve Barclay.

Emma, of Matthew Wren Close, said: "The road is extremely dangerous. We haven't got any sort of crossing and we haven't got a lollipop lady or man.

"There is a lot of fast moving traffic in Main Street, cars park either side of the street and buses obviously have to drop off outside the school too.

"Parents have to cross the road with their children completely unaided and the visibility is terrible.

"There have been a lot of delays in getting the crossing built but we're all delighted that work is finally going to start and we're grateful that the project is going to happen."

Mr Barclay, MP for North East Cambridgeshire, said: "I was happy to help with this campaign. A crossing outside the school was obviously needed and it is great that this potentially life-saving scheme is now being built.

"I would like to thank Emma for her tireless work in pushing for the crossing and also thanks should go to district councillor Anna Bailey and Little Downham Parish Council which, together with my pressure, enabled us to secure the £15,000 funding."

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NEWS IN BRIEF

New homes approved

PLANS to build five new homes in Witchford and four new homes in Barway have been approved by the district council's planning committee.

Mr D. Murfitt applied to build the detached dwellings on land east of 5, Barway, and SGS Associates Ltd applied to build the new houses on land south of Main Street, Witchford. Both plans were approved subject to conditions.

Mother's Day fun at Ely's 'hidden gem'

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Roy scoops £1,000

SOHAM resident Roy Pallett is on a high after winning £1,000 on the national People's Postcode Lottery.

Mr Pallett, 49, who works as an IT consultant, said: "I have taken a month off work to travel so I will be using the win as spending money."

He will be going to a number of places, including Hong Kong and Australia, as well as his brother-in-law's wedding in Manila.

Visit www.postcodelottery.co.uk.

DEVELOPMENT

Leisure centre plans at risk of falling through

JORDAN **DAY**
@JordanDayCN

DECISIONS NEEDED: Littleport's existing leisure centre in Camel Road. Right, Steve Barclay MP

AN MP is calling for urgent decisions to be made over numerous issues surrounding a £34 million new leisure centre for Littleport.

Steve Barclay, MP for North East Cambridgeshire, is worried that unless concerns over the scheme, such as the proposed access, are resolved in a matter of weeks, the entire development could fall through.

Littleport Parish Council is concerned that the preferred access will impact to heavily on local residents and will lead to some green areas in the town being lost.

However, Cambridgeshire County Council believes Camel Road, with a secondary access via Elmside, is the best option.

Mr Barclay says the outstanding issues need to be resolved within the next seven weeks if the development, which includes a new secondary school, primary school and special school, is to progress in time for September 2017.

He said: "This scheme is fully funded with £34 million secured for a new secondary school, primary school and special needs school together with a state-of-the-art new leisure centre for Littleport.

"We need to quickly resolve the issues over access to the site, management of the leisure centre, and traffic management issues for residents as we cannot afford to lose this scheme."

A series of meetings have been held for people to speak up over the plans and Mr Barclay, county councillors and parish councillors are due to meet again tonight.

Parish councillors also fear the change of use of the land could breach a deed of covenant made when it was given to the town by the former landowner. The covenant stipulates the land must be used for leisure purposes or ownership will revert back.

However, the county council says that leisure facilities will still be on the site, they will just be slightly relocated and the parking would be for people using the new centre.

The parish council also wants answers over ownership of the new leisure centre.

Ian Trafford, education officer at the county council, says the parish council could be given a long-lease on the premises so that the management of the new centre would revert to the parish council if the existing leisure centre management ceased at any point in the future.

Mr Barclay said: "I hope residents will make clear to all those in positions of influence how much they want this scheme to go ahead and what a positive impact it will have."

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CHARACTERS from our childhood stories were spotted far and wide across the Ely area in honour of World Book Day.

Schools and nurseries across the district went all out for the occasion on Thursday, which saw children donning their onesies, superhero capes and animal ears to celebrate their fictional favourites and take part in a whole host of book-themed activities.

At Mepal and Witcham Primary School, pupils arrived at the school gates dressed as everyone from (Where's) Wally to Harry Potter.

Clare Edmond, the school's head, said: "World Book Day is an amazing event and, as ever, our pupils looked superb in their costumes."

Many teachers and school staff also got into the swing of dressing up, including staff at Ely St Johns Primary School.

Annabel Reddick, owner of Burrows Bookshop in Ely, also attended schools across the area for pupils to go spending crazy with book tokens.

And Sue Smith, owner of Sweet Peas Childcare in Ely, made sure her little ones did not miss out on the fun by inviting them to dress as their favourite characters.

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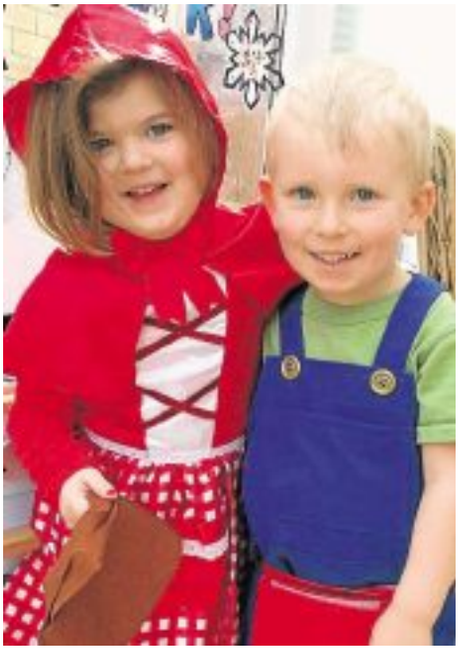

DRESSED TO IMPRESS: Clockwise from top left: Tyler and Brooke, both 6, as Charlie and an Umpa Lumpa from Charlie and the Chocolate Factory, at Mepal and Witcham Primary School; Other pupils at Mepal and Witcham Primary; Little Red Riding Hood and Bob the Builder from Sweet Peas Childcare; staff at Ely St John's Primary School

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Sat 18 Apr	10am – 4pm	English Paper Piecing with Mel Missin £25
Tues 21 Apr	10am – 4pm	Layered and Raised Embroidery with Paula Smith £30
Sat 25 Apr	10am – 4pm	Introduction to Machine Embroidery with Pamela Tasker £30
Tues 5 May	10am – 1pm	Machine Applique Name Cushion with Mel Missin £25
Fri 8 May	10am – 12.30pm	Charm Pack Quilt (2 sessions) with Gilly Rose £40 total
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Pizza fun for Red Nose Day

CHILDREN got into the spirit of Red Nose Day early at Ely's Tesco store.

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The little ones had to solve clues and find the ingredients they would need in order to make their own special Red Nose pizzas.

Organised by local childminder Sue Smith, the local facilitator for PACEY, and Breda Walton, Ely Tesco's community champion, the children were then given a pizza making demonstration and each childminder was given the ingredients to take with them in order to make the pizzas with the children.

Small presents were also given to each child for taking part in the fundraising event.

More pictures online at ely-news.co.uk

RED NOSES: Stanley Bishop, 4, on the hunt. Picture: Richard Patterson

WIND TURBINES

Concern over delay of wind testing device

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WIND farm developers have still not erected an anemometer – a device which measures wind speed – on land where three turbines are planned, even though a decision on the plans could be made next month.

REG Windpower, the firm seeking to build three wind turbines at Berry Fen, between Haddenham and Aldreth, was given permission to erect an anemometer mast at the site last July in order to judge wind speed and its suitability for turbines.

But the facility still has not been put up and the Stop Berry Wind Farm Campaign group says it is "deeply concerning", especially because the turbine application is due to go before the district council's planning committee on April 29.

Steve Cheetham, chairman of the campaign group, said: "Given the importance of the data which would be collected by the anemometer mast for both REG Windpower and the district councillors, we find it mystifying why at this very late stage there is no sign of the wind mast being erected.

"What is equally surprising is REG also told the council they needed two years' worth of wind data to ensure they selected the most appropriate turbines for the site."

The proposals have attracted 591 objections and 15 comments in favour since they were submitted last year.

Bruce Caldwell, Berry Fen's project manager, said: "The anemometer mast is on site and awaiting the construction team who will start the erection over the next few weeks.

"It will take approximately two days to fully erect the mast. The delay has been due to bad weather on other projects which has delayed the construction team.

"If Berry Fen were to be consented, there would be a community fund worth over £30,000 each year for community projects and local good causes around the wind farm, which could produce enough clean, green electricity to power approximately 3,900 average homes annually."

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RURAL people are being forced out of their communities – mainly due to a lack of affordable housing – according to a new report.

Cambridgeshire ACRE and the East of England Royal Town Planning Institute have published the results of a national review they carried out on rural housing policy.

The report argues that increased competition from commuters, retirees and second home owners, low wages in the rural economy and a decreasing stock of social and affordable housing are collectively damaging rural communities.

Mark Deas, rural housing enabler at Cambridgeshire ACRE, based in Littleport, said: "Our work with rural communities across the county constantly highlights the issues raised in the report.

"Young people have to leave their communities in search of affordable independence and this is impacting on local services such as pubs and shops."

Planners, housing officers and other professionals came together at a conference in Ely alongside rural community representatives to discuss the findings and recommendations from the national review.

Cambridgeshire ACRE says the review was initiated due to concern that most of the progress made from previous reports was being eroded and undermined by recent government policy.

Mr Deas said: "The removal of affordable housing requirements from schemes of 10 or less dwellings, the abolition of rural housing targets and the indiscriminate introduction of the bedroom tax are all examples of a lack of effective rural proofing in recent government policy.

"Many of the recommendations are directed at central government. However, there remains much that local organisations and communities can do to create life changing opportunities for rural families."

ACRE says that parish councils can play a key role by "championing the needs of the less well off in their community".

The report comes just weeks after *Ely News* reported that Cambridgeshire missed its target for new homes by more than 600 properties last year.

Analysis by the National Housing Federation show completions were some 20 per cent down on the target for 3,335 new homes to be built across the county.

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Community spirit's high at Martha's

HAPPY BIRTHDAY: Volunteers and supporters of Martha's Kitchen

A COMMUNITY cafe in Haddenham is celebrating its first birthday.

Martha's Kitchen was launched in the village High Street last March and is open to people of all ages to drop in for a chat and a catch up with friends.

On Monday, volunteers and customers celebrated its first anniversary with coffees, teas, cakes and a variety of stalls.

A spokesman for the cafe said: "Over the year there have been well over 3,400 customers and the team of 14 volunteer helpers have given a total of 1,300 hours into the community. Customers include young mums with children and elderly folk – all really are welcome."

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Ely

■ 'Lost on the Titanic – the making of the Great Omar Binding' is the title of the Ely Decorative and Fine Arts Society talk on Thursday, March 19. Dominic Riley is hosting the lecture at the Old Palace at 7.30pm. Visit www.elydfas.org.uk.

■ Mark Knight is hosting the Ely and District Archaeological Society talk on Monday, March 16. Entitled 'Must Farm Investigations – a Neolithic and Bronze Age Landscape', the talk is at Ely Methodist Church at 8pm. Admission is £2.50 for non-members.

■ A table top sale is being held at the Ely Community Centre, formerly the Larkfield Centre, on Saturday, March 28. The sales are being held on the last Saturday of every month from 10am-2pm. Entry is free and tables cost £5. Call (01353) 612929.

■ The next meeting of the Ely branch of the Royal British Legion will be at the Fountain Public House in Ely on Monday, March 16 at 7.30pm. New members are always welcome.

■ 'Soham and farming over the centuries' is the title of the Fenland History on Friday talk in Ely on March 13. Bill Franklin is hosting the talk at the Methodist Church at 10.30am. Call (01353) 648106.

■ Join the East Cambs Rambling Group on a 'Best Views of Ely' walk around the city on Saturday, March 21. The walk will be mud-free and approximately four miles. People should meet outside the Samovar Tearooms at 10am, and the walk will finish there with tea and cake. Call 07840 605166.

■ Rowley's next auction of fine art and antiques in Ely is on Saturday, March 14. The sale starts at 10am and viewing takes place on the Friday from 9am-7pm and on the day itself from 9am. Call (01353) 653020.

■ Ely Inner Wheel Club next meets on Wednesday, March 25 at the Old Dispensary at 7.30pm and new members are always welcome.

Littleport

■ A poker tournament is being held at Littleport Leisure Centre on Friday, March 13 at 8pm. On Saturday, March 14 there will also be a bullseye competition there, again from 8pm onwards. Call (01353) 860600.

Prickwillow

■ Mark Spafford is hosting a ballroom and sequence dance at Prickwillow's Hiam Sports and Social Club on Saturday, March 14 from 8-11pm. On Friday, March 20 there will also be a line dance disco at the club with The Record Machine. Call (01353) 688269.

Queen Adelaide

■ A quiz night is being held at Queen Adelaide Village Hall on Friday, March 20. It starts at 7.30pm and entry is £2 each. There will be a bar and refreshments.

Soham

■ A vintage wedding weekend extravaganza is being held at Soham Methodist Church on Saturday and Sunday, March 21 and March 22. There will be more than 50 wedding dresses on display from the 1800s to the present day, as well as wedding albums, flower arrangements, food and a grand raffle. The event will be open from 10am-4pm on Saturday and 11am-4pm on Sunday. Entry is £1 and free for under-10s. Proceeds will be donated to the church.

DONATION: From left: Rotarian Stuart Cavanagh, Emma Sanders from Magpas, and Soham Staploe Rotary Club president Alan Chilcott

Shoppers raise funds for Magpas

GENEROUS shoppers have helped Soham Staploe Rotary Club to raise over £2,500 for the emergency medical charity, Magpas.

In December, on the three Saturdays running up to Christmas, the Rotarians carried out their annual street collection for the charity.

Shoppers at Asda, the Co-op and Scampers Natural Pet Store, all in Soham, and the Co-op and Scotsdales, both in Fordham, were given the opportunity to support Magpas, and last week at the Maid's Head in Wicken, the club was able to hand over a cheque for £2,585.

Wicken Fen

■ Local basket maker Nadine Anderson is hosting a basket making workshop at Wicken Fen Nature Reserve on Saturday, March 21 at 8.45am. Booking is essential. Call (01353) 720274.

Wilburton

■ A coffee and cake morning at Wilburton Baptist Church raised £338 for the village's guides and brownies.

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SAMANTHA very attractive slim single 31yr old sensual brunette, WLTM sincere male 40+ serious about meeting someone special for fun and more. **Tel No: 0906 515 4438 Box No: 416677**

ADVENTUROUS sexy lady, 38yrs, married but seeks no strings fun with discreet man, any age. I'm tall, slim and dominant. Aca. **Tel No: 0905 002 1937 Box No: 415301**

ATTRACTIVE female, 47, 5ft 3ins, likes pets. cooking, music, walks, seeks kind, caring, genuine male for lasting relationship. **Tel No: 0906 515 4438X Box No: 416671**

ANNE, mid 40's, cheerful busty cuvy affectionate real woman! Seeks gent, any age or looks for nights at mine. **Tel No: 0905 002 1953 Box No: 410291**

GLYN tactile young at heart lady who has been on her own for far too long, seeks male in similar situation for companionship and more. **Tel No: 0906 515 4438 Box No: 416513**

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SABINA 35, outgoing attractive brunette, fit and carefree just looking for fun times without complications, maybe more later. ACA. **Tel No: 0906 515 4438 Box No: 416511**

TARA, confident lady, long legs, long hair, seeks a saucy man of any age for daytime, no strings fun. **Tel No: 0905 002 1913 Box No: 414701**

27YR old pretty green eyed slim single mum. easy to please in good company, WLTM mature male for friendship/more, single dad welcome. **Tel No: 0906 515 4438 Box No: 416495**

SUSIE, discreet married lady, young 36yrs seeks uncomplicated times with man any age or area, all texts answered. **Box No: 4459437**

JAYNE 35, loving romantic, warm, caring auburn haired beauty seeks older kind male, 30-60yrs for loving genuine relationship. **Tel No: 0906 515 4438 Box No: 416295**

FELICITY, professional female, 32yrs, blonde, curvy, fun. Travels a lot and wltm chap for occasional fun on my travels. **Box No: 4459438**

VERY attractive, sensual, curvy brunette looking for no strings, no commitment fun only. Any age/status/looks. **Tel No: 0906 515 4438 Box No: 416231**

LINDY, 43yrs young, married with husband away. Seeks discreet gent any age/area for no strings. **Box No: 4459439**

YOU don't know what you are missing! Helen 41, really pretty voluptuous confident lady, WLTM nice man for good times. Looks unimportant. **Tel No: 0906 515 4438 Box No: 416075**

JENNI, sensual lady, 23yrs seeks mature experienced man for no strings, daytime fun. **Box No: 4459440**

HELP! Allison, bored 27yr old with far too much time on my hands looking for some pleasant distractions with likeminded man. ACA. **Tel No: 0906 515 4438 Box No: 416073**

SALLY, 36yrs, married but husband works away seeks discreet gent any age for fun only. **Box No: 4492484**

YOUNG discreet 38yr old blue eyed blonde with varied interests, looking for older man for romantic nights in. Status/looks unimportant. **Tel No: 0906 515 4438 Box No: 416071**

SAMANTHA, solvent, sensual business women, 38yrs, travels a lot and seeks fun on the road. I'm married so please be discreet. **Box No: 4495859**

CASEY-ANN divorced female, pretty size 10, blonde, OHAC, varied interests and lots to offer Mr Reliable, looking to find and fall in love again. ACA. **Tel No: 0906 515 4438 Box No: 415839**

JASMINE, 22yrs, seeks older gent for daytime meetings as she works a nightshift most days. **Box No: 4495860**

FUN uncomplicated distraction required! Sam sensual black female looking to fill spare time and boredom with fun male for adult times. **Tel No: 0906 515 4438 Box No: 415823**

FIONA, young 32yrs, seeks uncomplicated fun with chap any age or area, texts only please, I'm nervous on the phone. **Box No: 4495861**

DOREEN 40's attractive blonde, nice figure, solvent, OHAC, no ties, enjoys keeping fit, holidays away, WLTM someone to share all the good things in life with. **Tel No: 0906 515 4438 Box No: 415383**

JENNY 38yr old attractive divorced mum of one, green eyes, blonde, interesting with varied interests, WLTM genuine kind male for hopeful romance. **Tel No: 0906 515 4438 Box No: 415189**

CAROLINE 24yr old blonde slim beautiful, active, fun European female looking for kind, cuddly loving man for romantic companionship. **Tel No: 0906 515 4438 Box No: 415565**

SHELIA attractive natural blonde curvy female looking for nice guy to share good times with and to make my life complete. Call/text me. **Tel No: 0906 515 4438 Box No: 415541**

KATHY 35yr old outgoing female looking for casual dates with fun guy who has no hang ups or complications. **Tel No: 0906 515 4438 Box No: 415517**

LEANNE black open-minded female looking for white male for adult fun times. discretion assured/required. **Tel No: 0906 515 4438 Box No: 415511**

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RACHAEL, 36yrs, looking good for my age but need some daytime excitement. All text's answered. **Box No: 4507091**

SLIM single female, 30's, seeks male for friendship and outings. **Tel No: 0906 515 4438 Box No: 415713**

SAM 32yrs petite pretty seeking genuine good hearted male for loving relationship. If you're out there please call and restore my faith in dating. **Tel No: 0906 515 4438 Box No: 415413**

JUDITH attractive curvy sensual black lady seeking kind genuine mature male companion for adult fun, meals in/out and passionate weekends home or away. **Tel No: 0906 515 4438 Box No: 415397**

JENNY 38, petite, blonde busty, looking for my sugar daddy, GSOH. **Tel No: 0906 515 4438 Box No: 415311**

SANDY part time nurse, loves holidays, dancing, walking, nights in/out, seeks mature male to enjoy weekend activities and adult romance. **Tel No: 0906 515 4438 Box No: 414971**

JEN first time advertiser and a little shy, single mum looking for nice guy for chats, to go out and generally just enjoy life with, N/S preferred. **Tel No: 0906 515 4438 Box No: 414965**

ABI single fun outgoing young 27yrs, tall, slim, OHAC, employed looking for similar male for good times. **Tel No: 0906 515 4438 Box No: 414369**

ATTRACTIVE Princess, 50, likes music, good things in life, seeking Prince charming with GSOH, honest and generous to bring happiness and love. **Tel No: 0906 515 4438 Box No: 414791**

CHARLIE 22yr old young female looking for older male for fun times only, no complications or questions asked. Reliability and respect expected and assured. **Tel No: 0906 515 4438 Box No: 414947**

BEA petite 40's female, attractive, nice natured, social, many likes and interests, seeking independent male to share new interests, hobbies and lots of adult time. **Tel No: 0906 515 4438 Box No: 414943**

WIDOW 78, N/S, house owner, seeks genuine gent of similar age for companionship. Ipswich area. **Tel No: 0906 515 4438 Box No: 414743**

PLAIN Jane 38yrs true country lass looking for fun frolics down on the farm with real non pretentious happy man, there must be one out there for me! **Tel No: 0906 515 4438 Box No: 414693**

TALL lovely lady 50's, long hair, likes pina colada and getting caught in the rain, seeks genuine, loyal, homely man with GSOH and 6ft in height. **Tel No: 0906 515 4438 Box No: 414575**

LYNDA 19yr old naughty by nature female green eyes, dark hair looking for fun times with mature male who thinks he can handle a real live wire. **Tel No: 0906 515 4438 Box No: 414719**

PRETTY 34yr old paramedic, long dark hair, nice eyed, feminine, size 12, caring, looking for fun times in or out with nice guy, maybe leading to more. **Tel No: 0906 515 4438 Box No: 414715**

ANN pretty blonde, young looking, slim, no ties, seeking male 40-50's to go out with, enjoy adult conversation, maybe leading to something more. Pls call me. **Tel No: 0906 515 4438 Box No: 414503**

CLARE 26, fun, honest, loving and loyal, employed, no ties, OHAC, seeks genuine man 25-50yrs to get to know, spend quality times, dates in/out and great conversation. **Tel No: 0906 515 4438 Box No: 414393**

SARAH 20yr old attractive blonde, medium height, size 10, busty, tanned, fun, looking for male, any age, for text chats, meets and maybe more. **Tel No: 0906 515 4438 Box No: 414483**

SHY 38yr old pretty slim female looking for sensitive male who is looking for some adult fun. Any age/looks race or status. **Tel No: 0906 515 4438 Box No: 414371**

NINA 35yrs pretty brunette, slim, medium height, nice smile, good manners, loves girlie things, cooking, shopping, dancing, meals in/out, WLTM affectionate passionate guy. **Tel No: 0906 515 4438 Box No: 414233**

JEAN 46, petite, well mannered, employed, OHAC, enjoys meals out, nice wine, golf, gardening, holidays, seeks 60's kind man with GSOH. Looks unimportant. **Tel No: 0906 515 4438 Box No: 414221**

PAM 42, attractive employed, slim, fit, interesting brunette, OHAC, seeking similar sporty, fun N/S male for weekends away, meals out and lots of laughs. **Tel No: 0906 515 4438 Box No: 414197**

MICHELLE 25yr old single mum to one WLTM male for companionship, nights in/out, hopefully leading to more. Age/looks unimportant, single dad welcome. **Tel No: 0906 515 4438 Box No: 414187**

KAREN lonely 47yr old social female, size 16, not very tall but big on personality, likes cinema, football, looking for some male company, ACA. **Tel No: 0906 515 4438 Box No: 414183**

KAREN 40's curvy size 16 female, many interests including sport, reading, looking for a real man who can handle a real woman for dates in/out and text chats. **Tel No: 0906 515 4438 Box No: 413871**

Men seeking women

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ANDY divorced, 70, active, alert, solvent, good listener, seeks female. **Tel No: 0906 515 4438 Box No: 416463**

20 yr old auburn haired male, seeks long walks on the beach and friendship. Discretion guaranteed, any age welcome. **Text Only Mailbox Box No: 4654926**

DAN 50, nice looking, athletic, good company, seeks slim, attractive, broadminded, adventurous female for discreet exciting meetings. **Tel No: 0906 515 4438 Box No: 414671**

YOUNG 59yr old male, silver hair, solvent, seeks slim 45-55yr old lady, black/white to see what transpires. **Tel No: 0906 515 4438 Box No: 416433**

JAMES, 45yrs, solvent caring gent, recently divorced seeks genuine lady to wine and dine. Single mums welcome. **Box No: 4459441**

KEN builder, seeks female, 65 plus for adult fun, honest, reliable and trustworthy. **Tel No: 0906 515 4438 Box No: 416381**

GENUINE male, 45, seeks lady for friendship and more, likes cooking, rock music, reading, holidays in the sun. **Tel No: 0906 515 4438 Box No: 416305**

MALE 70 smart, fit, seeks female, 60-70 for days out, country, coast, nights in/out, fun, friendship and maybe more. **Tel No: 0906 515 4438 Box No: 416273**

MARK 50, single dad, looking for female, 40-50 for friendship and LTR. **Tel No: 0906 515 4438 Box No: 416115**

LANDSCAPE/BUILDER wrong side of 40, fun, fit, kind, seeks black/white female for fun and friendship. **Tel No: 0906 515 4438 Box No: 416027**

MICHAEL 55, own business, time on my hands day/night, seeks petite lady for fun times, possible LTR. **Tel No: 0906 515 4438 Box No: 415933**

FUN loving easy going guy, good looking, 5ft 10ins, stocky, seeks female. **Tel No: 0906 515 4438 Box No: 415581**

GARY 55, looking for female, 45-55, likes nights out, romantic dinners etc. **Tel No: 0906 515 4438 Box No: 415557**

ATTRACTIVE tall fit guy, 50, dark hair, fun, romantic, passionate, seeks sexy lady for fun dates, laughter and good times. **Tel No: 0906 515 4438 Box No: 415387**

HUNKY builder, 50, adventurous but kind, seeks female for fun, friendship and LTR. Black/white/Asian. **Tel No: 0906 515 4438 Box No: 415357**

MID 50's Ipswich male, seeks smart, older lady for daytime adult fun. **Tel No: 0906 515 4438 Box No: 414455**

FIT 39yr old Ipswich male, seeks special female for mistletoe kisses and lasting relationship, OHAC. **Tel No: 0906 515 4438 Box No: 415615**

GOOD catch looking to get caught, easy going professional guy 46, OHAC, seeking lovely lady for relationship. Ipswich area. **Tel No: 0906 515 4438 Box No: 415589**

SILVER haired 59yr old male, 5ft 9ins, good looking, solvent, seeks slim lady, 50-60 to see how it goes, hopefully LTR. **Tel No: 0906 515 4438 Box No: 415329**

TALL slim, young 50 something male, longish hair, GSOH, likes rock/indie music, seeks lady for friendship, hopefully relationship. **Tel No: 0906 515 4438 Box No: 415257**

MALE mid 60's, 5ft 5ins, medium build, N/S, GSOH, likes most things, country walks, meals out, theatre, cinema, seeks female up to 68. **Tel No: 0906 515 4438 Box No: 415337**

PROFESSIONAL male, N/S, own home/business, solvent, smart, attractive, romantic, loving personality, GSOH, seeking LTR with genuine female. **Tel No: 0906 515 4438 Box No: 415353**

CEMENT to be! Builder seeking concrete relationship with fun loving female. Children/pets welcome, any age/race. **Tel No: 0906 515 4438 Box No: 415215**

JAMIE 50, OHAC, widowed, seeking female to socialise with, maybe more. **Tel No: 0906 515 4438 Box No: 415197**

MALE likes rock/pop/indie, tall, slim, young 50 something, GSOH, honest, caring, romantic, non materialistic, seeks genuine lady for friendship, maybe more. **Tel No: 0906 515 4438 Box No: 415059**

59YR old male, silver hair, reasonable build, seeks slim lady, 50ish. **Tel No: 0906 515 4438 Box No: 414989**

KIND male, 49, likes cinema, meals out, concerts, travel, seeks loving lady, 38-52 for LTR. **Tel No: 0906 515 4438 Box No: 414913**

GEOFF looking for female companion, 40-60 to go sailing on my catamaran in the Mediterranean. **Tel No: 0906 515 4438 Box No: 414857**

JOHN 36, easy going, GSOH, 6ft 3ins, likes comedy, music, seeking nice lady for fun and laughter. **Tel No: 0906 515 4438 Box No: 414829**

NICE looking guy 50, dark hair, hazel eyes, GSOH, likes walks, meals out, seeks attractive lady for wining/dining and romancing. **Tel No: 0906 515 4438 Box No: 414823**

DEAN 5ft 10ins, medium build, nice, gentle, genuine, loving, funny, outgoing, energetic, likes nights in/out, seeks similar female. **Tel No: 0906 515 4438 Box No: 414277**

JAMIE 50, OHAC, widowed, works some nights, seeking female for uncomplicated friendship and nights out. **Tel No: 0906 515 4438 Box No: 414611**

CARING male, 41, looking for fun and laughter, seeking female, 30-48 for loving lasting relationship with GSOH and more. **Tel No: 0906 515 4438 Box No: 414357**

NICE working guy, 50, tall, athletic, dark hair, fun, romantic, caring, seeking attractive lady for friendship and fun times. **Tel No: 0906 515 4438 Box No: 414349**

DEAN 5ft 10ins, average build, nice, gentle, genuine, loving, funny, outgoing, likes nights in/out, seeks similar female. **Tel No: 0906 515 4438 Box No: 414277**

GENUINE 70yr old gent, caring, honest, likes DIY, gardening, meals out, travel, home life, seeks lady with similar interests for LTR. **Tel No: 0906 515 4438 Box No: 414129**

FIT trendy caring 39yr old Ipswich male, OHAC, looking for love, seeks female for lasting relationship. **Tel No: 0906 515 4438 Box No: 413943**

Men seeking men

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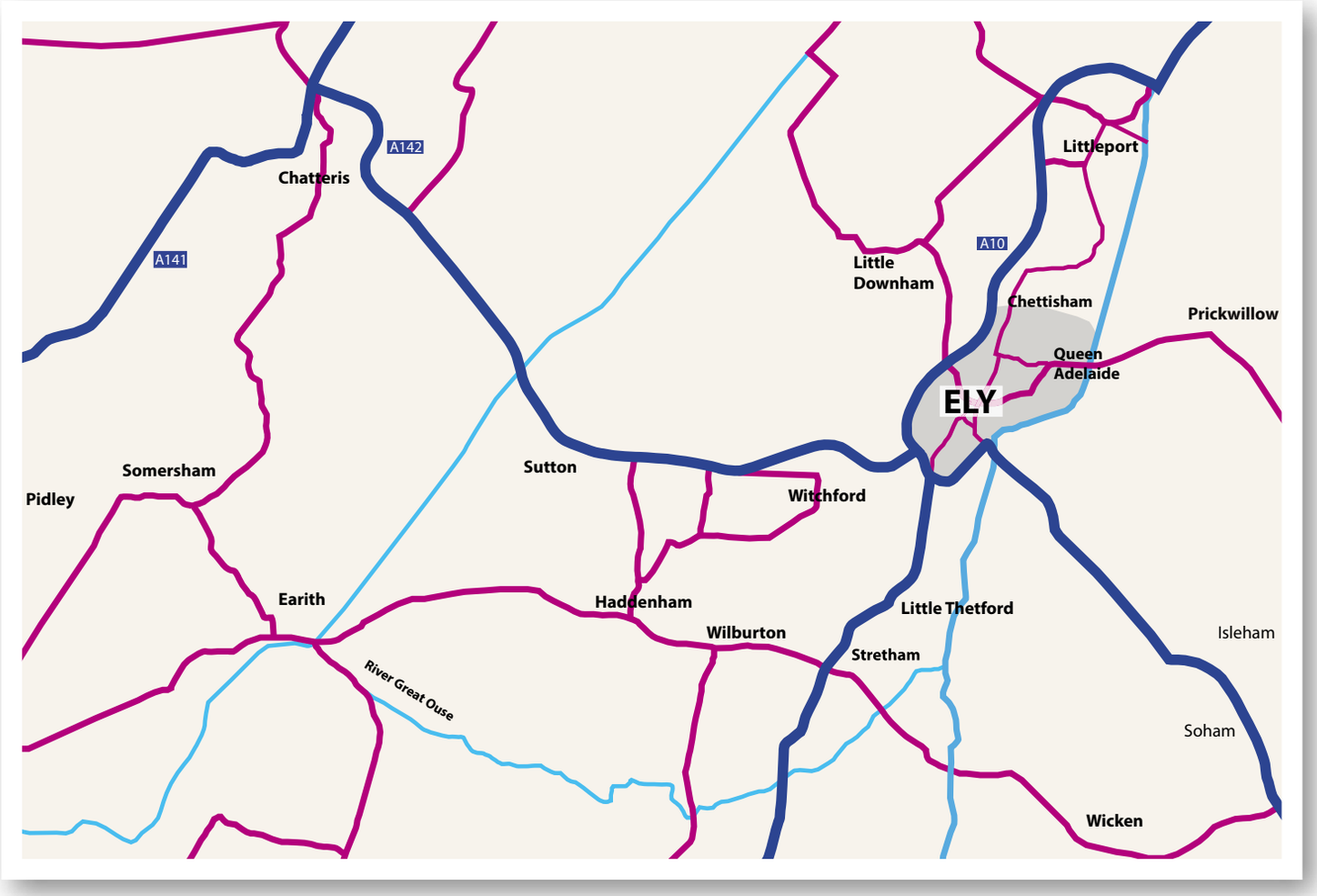

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WELNEY

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NEW £105,000

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Cover property

Maria Morgan of Platinum Properties discusses the pros and cons of starting your own lettings agency.

Agent's blog

I will be honest, after 14 years in the industry, working my way up to director level in another independent, the last thing I was expecting was to hear they were selling out to a corporate giant.

I believe that all types of agency have their place in the market, but I did not feel that corporate working was for me: it just didn't give me the autonomy I felt I needed to be an effective letting agent in a business that is fast-moving, requires quick reactions, a very close hands-on approach, excellent communication and the ability to sometimes 'think outside the box' to solve a problem.

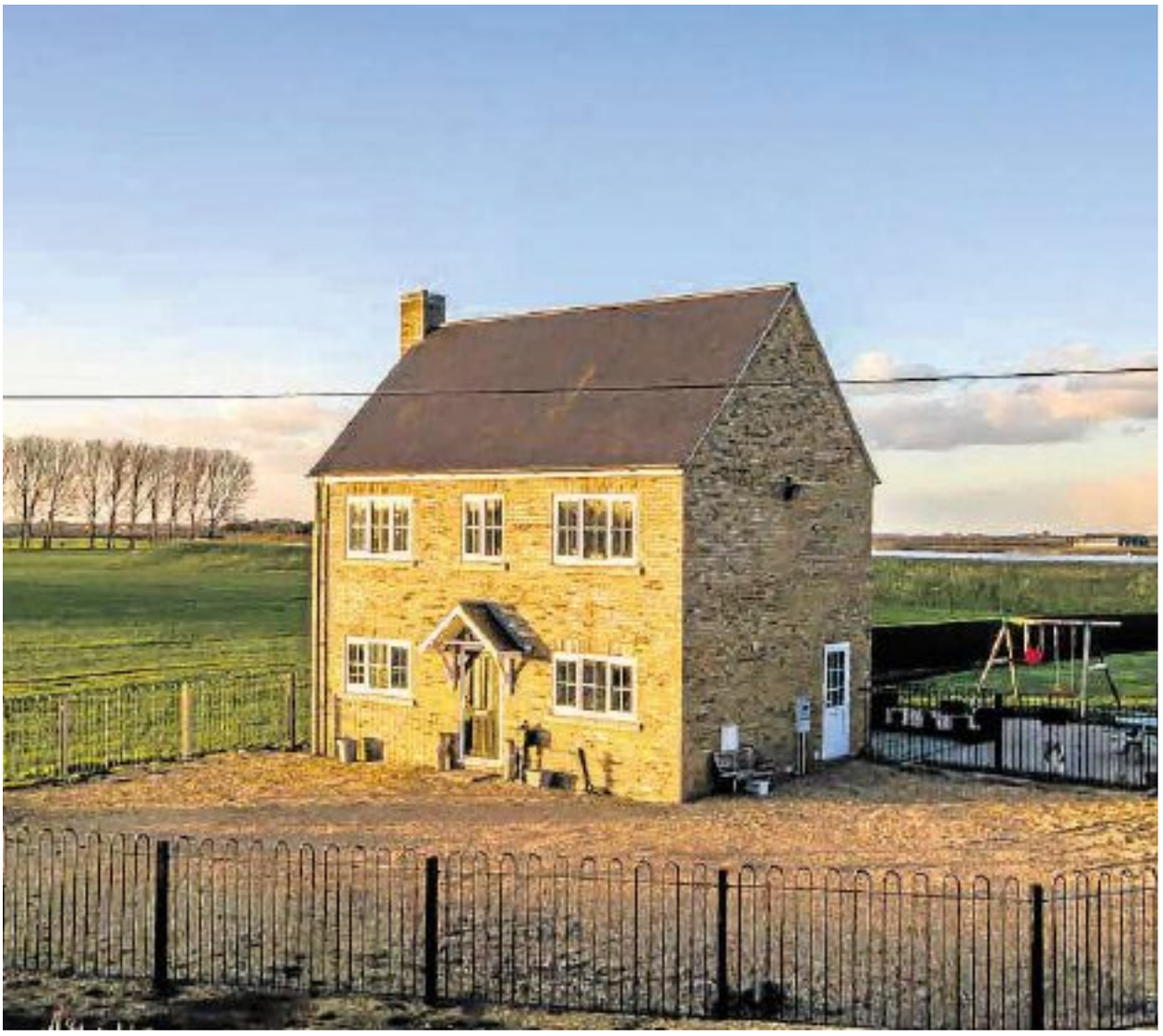
So, as they say, when one door closes, another one opens and Platinum Properties was born. I couldn't imagine working for anyone else doing what I did before, so my own agency was the only option.

I like to think we take a very different approach. Yes, we have all the qualifications and experience that you would anticipate from a top quality agent, but that is only part of the story. Platinum was set up to be everything that platinum itself stands for: being flexible, strong, rare (the level of service we provide is rare), stable and resilient.

Everyone has their calling in life and, once I had started in lettings, I felt that I had found mine. I love the fact that no two days are the same and that one minute you can be giving investment advice and appraising a lovely home and the next you can be inspecting a property for its level of cleanliness or on a practical building site overseeing a full refurbishment.

Being a letting agent requires a huge range of skills and experience, you never stop learning new skills or reviewing things to meet the ever-changing legislation, but it certainly is not boring. Variety is the spice of life they say, and I love it.

Prickwillow: £325,000



THIS attractively-designed four bedroom detached property in Branch Bank, Prickwillow, is on the market for offers around £325,000. It has accommodation including an entrance hall, cloakroom, sitting room, dining room and kitchen. Upstairs there are four generously-proportioned bedrooms including a master bedroom with en suite shower. There is also a family bathroom.

Outside there is a gravelled front garden with off-street parking for several vehicles, while to the rear is a garden with lawn and large paved patio.

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Haddenham: £300,000-£320,000

THIS charming cottage dating back to the 1800s is now on the market with a guide price of between £300,000 and £320,000.
It has internal accommodation which includes a large lounge, a dining room and a sun room, with a downstairs WC and an upstairs bathroom.
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Upware £395,000

A detached period cottage set in an attractive semi rural location on a generous plot of approx 1/3rd of an acre within walking distance of the picturesque Upware Marina with kitchen, utility room, cloakroom, open plan lounge/dining room, conservatory, 4 double bedrooms (1 ensuite), bathroom, ample of road parking, a single garage & south facing garden with various outbuildings. EPR TBC.

NEW

Littleport £260,000

This spacious detached family home is situated in an established village location, accommodation briefly comprises entrance hallway, kitchen/breakfast room, utility room/family room, cloakroom, lounge, dining room, 3 double bedrooms, bathroom, driveway parking and gardens. EPR TBC.

NEW

Ely £250,000.

An established semi detached bungalow, well presented internally and benefitting from gas central heating and double glazing. Accommodation comprises entrance hallway, lounge, kitchen, conservatory, 2 bedrooms and bathroom, together with parking and gardens. EPR TBC.

NEW

Ely £500,000

An established detached home in a non estate location, well placed for access to the City Centre, Railway station & just a short distance from Roswell Pits offering boating/fishing/walking opportunities. Hall, cloakroom, shower room, kitchen, breakfast room, utility room, conservatory, lounge, ground floor bedroom 4/dining room, 3 first floor bedrooms, bathroom, extensive parking, mature gardens. EPR E.

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Ely £245,000

Situated on a highly regarded modern development, this family home has accommodation comprising entrance hallway, cloakroom, lounge, separate dining area, kitchen, 3 bedrooms (master with ensuite), family bathroom, covered parking, garage and enclosed garden. The property also benefits from gas central heating and double glazing. EPR TBC.

Little Downham £169,950

A superbly presented modern terrace property in a highly regarded cul de sac location in this popular village. Entrance hall, kitchen, cloakroom, lounge/dining room, 2 double bedrooms, bathroom, fully enclosed rear garden & 2 allocated parking spaces. The property benefits from gas central heating & double glazing. The property is an ideal first time purchase/investment opportunity. EPR B.

Littleport £255,000

Situated in an established non estate location, this detached chalet style home built by highly regarded builders Buckingham & Sparrow in 2002, offers versatile accommodation. Entrance hall, kitchen, utility room, lounge, dining area, ground floor bedroom with ensuite, 3 first floor bedrooms (1 ensuite) & bathroom. There is a single garage, driveway & superb rear garden. EPR B.

Littleport £242,500

A delightful character cottage situated in a non estate location, with a wealth of period features this detached Victorian property offers accommodation including entrance hallway, kitchen/dining room, utility, conservatory/bedroom 3, 2 bedrooms, gardens and off street parking. EPR TBC.

Soham £125,000

This charming one bedroom cottage offers an investment opportunity or first time purchase with the benefit of no upward chain. Accommodation comprising lounge, kitchen, double bedroom, bathroom, 80ft (approx.) rear garden, outbuildings. EPR C.

Haddenham £550,000

Situated down a private road in a picturesque lakeside setting with superb views, this stylishly designed home has accommodation that comprises entrance hallway, sitting room, dining room, study, conservatory, kitchen / breakfast room, utility, cloakroom, 4 bedrooms (master with ensuite), family bathroom, garage, carport and gardens. EPR D.

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Ely £215,000

An older style terraced City home within easy walking distance of the City Centre amenities. Accommodation comprises entrance porch, lounge, dining area, kitchen and bathroom, approximately 85' rear garden, off road parking and single garage. The property also benefits from gas central heating and is offered for sale with no upward chain. EPR E.

Haddenham £164,950

An established semi detached house in need of modernisation with accommodation briefly comprising kitchen, store room / utility, cloakroom, lounge, rear porch, 2 bedrooms and bathroom. The property offers enormous potential to the purchaser. EPR G.

Sutton £229,950

Situated just a short distance from the centre of this popular village, this modern semi detached house comprises entrance hall, kitchen/lounge, ground floor bedroom/dining room, ground floor wet room/ cloakroom, 2 first floor bedrooms & bathroom. There is a modern kitchen & bathroom, ground floor under floor heating, off road parking & enclosed garden. EPR B.

Soham £219,950

A established detached bungalow situated in a mature non-estate location, accommodation briefly comprises entrance hallway, lounge, dining room, kitchen, 2 bedrooms, bathroom, front and rear gardens with potential off road parking. The property also benefits from gas central heating. EPR D.

Soham £275,000

A semi rural detached Victorian cottage with attractive outlook onto Angle Common, on a generous plot of approx 1/4 of an acre. Entrance porch, open plan kitchen/dining room, lounge, 3 double bedrooms (1 with dressing room area), bathroom, front, side & rear gardens, as well as 2 stables & hay store with light & power connected, ample off road parking. EPR D.

Witchford £309,995

Situated in an established non estate village location, this extended family home offers versatile accommodation which includes entrance hallway, cloakroom, kitchen, lounge, dining room/family room, 4 bedrooms, bathroom, garage, parking and gardens. The property also benefits from gas central heating & double glazing. EPR D.

Aldreth £375,000

A superbly presented detached family home in a secluded select development of similar properties positioned on a generous plot. Accommodation comprises spacious entrance hallway, kitchen/dining room, utility room, lounge, cloakroom, study, 4 bedrooms (1 ensuite), bathroom, double garage, driveway & rear garden. EPR D.

Haddenham £445,000

Situated close to the centre of this highly regarded village, this established detached family home offers stylish versatile living accommodation comprising entrance hallway, utility room/study, lounge, dining room, kitchen, lobby, 4 bedrooms (master with ensuite) family bathroom, car port and gardens. EPR E.

Little Ouse £379,950

Equestrian property in a rural location comprising detached house with approx 3 acres of paddocks, 17 stables, feed room, pony box & horse walker. Hall, cloakroom, kitchen/breakfast room, boiler room, dining room, superb living room, 5 bedrooms (1 ensuite), shower room, bathroom, parking, gardens. Opposite River Little Ouse. Rarely available. EPR F

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Sutton £625 pcm

Modern 2 bedroom semi detached property with double glazing, garden, garage and driveway. EPC:D

Witcham £675 pcm

Modern semi detached 2 bedroom house with gas heating, double glazing, garden and parking. EPC:C

Ely

Newly redecorated 2 bedroom property with gas heating, garden, garage and driveway. EPC:C

Ely £750 pcm

A recently redecorated 3 bedroom mid terrace property with gas heating and a large rear garden.

Haddenham £850 pcm

Newly decorated semi detached 3 bedroom house with oil heating, enclosed garden & off road parking.EPC:E

Witchford £850 pcm

A well presented semi detached 3 bedroom property with gas heating, garage, driveway and garden.

Ely £895 pcm

Spacious 1st floor 3 bedroom maisonette forming part of a listed building in the grounds of the Cathedral.

Ely £1,300 pcm

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No Upward Chain
EPC - 70(C)

ISLEHAM £265,000

NEW

A recently renovated and beautifully presented 2 bedroom detached cottage with a double garage and further outbuildings to the rear.

Living Room , Open Plan Dining Area Kitchen, Garden Room, Cloakroom, Open Plan Landing, Two Bedrooms Bathroom , Enclosed Rear Garden, Garage, Off Road Parking for Two Vehicles, Two Outbuildings, Grassed Area Providing Further Off Road Parking (STP)

No Upward Chain
EPC - 52(E)

LITTLE DOWNHAM £400,000

NEW

A beautifully presented, 4 bedroom, detached family home situated on a generous plot backing onto open paddock and farmland and situated in one of the villages most sought after locations.

Reception Hall, Sitting Room, Kitchen/Dining Room, Conservatory, Utility Room/Boot Room, Guest Bedroom with En-Suite Shower Room, 3 Bedrooms, Master Bedroom, Further Bedroom/Potential Dressing Room to Master Bedroom, Bathroom, Double Glazing, Gas Central Heating, Double Garage, Secure Parking, Lawned Front and Rear Gardens.

EPC - 60(D)

ELY £194,995

NEW

A charming, 2 bedroom terraced home colourfully designed throughout and situated in a much sought after street just a short walk from the city centre.

Sitting Room, Dining Room, Kitchen, Utility Area, Shower Room, Rear Lobby, 2 Bedrooms, Gas Central Heating, Double Glazing, Court Yard Garden.

EPC - 55(D)

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STRETHAM £112,500

NEW

An ideal first time or investment purchase of a 1 bedroom first floor flat situated in the heart of this popular south Ely village.
EPC - 68(D)

ELY £125,000

NEW

A particularly well appointed ground floor one bedroom apartment which forms part of an outstanding Victorian Grade 2 listed former hospital approximately a mile from the city centre.
No Upward Chain EPC - 65(D)

SOHAM £229,950

NEW

A particularly well appointed, 3 storey, 3 bedroom, end of terraced townhouse which is tucked away in a most appealing end of cul de sac position within this sought after village location.

Entrance Hall, Cloakroom, Sitting Room, Contemporary Fitted Kitchen with Built-in Appliances, Utility Area, Master Bedroom Suite with Dressing Area, Built-in Wardrobes and En-Suite Shower Room, 2 Further Double Bedrooms, Family Bathroom, Double Glazing, Gas Central Heating, Garage, Driveway Parking, Enclosed Rear Garden.

EPC - 85(B)

MEPAL £229,950

NEW

A well-presented, modern, 3 bedroom detached bungalow with a beautiful south facing rear garden and situated in an established development of similar properties.

Entrance Porch, Dual Aspect Sitting Room, Kitchen/ Breakfast Room, 3 Bedrooms, En-Suite Shower Room to Master Bedroom, Family Bathroom, Double Glazing, Gas Central Heating, Garage, Off Road Parking, Front Garden, Enclosed Rear Garden.

No Upward Chain

ELY £279,950

NEW

An extended and beautifully presented 3 bedroom detached family home situated in one of Ely's much sought after established developments.

Entrance Hall, Sitting Room, Kitchen/Dining Area, Conservatory, 3 Bedrooms (1 En-Suite Shower Room), Family Bathroom, Double Glazing, Gas Central Heating, Off Road Parking, Garage, Enclosed Rear Garden.

EPC - 68(D)

ELY £310,000

A beautifully presented and recently extended 4 bedroom detached family home situated on an established and much sought after development just off Prickwillow Road.
EPC - 71(C)

COVENEY £365,000

Positioned down a quiet lane, this deceptively spacious, 4 bedroom family home offers spectacular views towards Ely and occupies a substantial plot with a range of outbuildings of approximately 1/5 acre. EPC - 75(C)

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This home has grown! EPC C

Soham

If you're looking for a true family home then this is for you! The open kitchen/dining room means you can keep an eye on the children whilst cooking, as well as making a great social space for entertaining. The four bedrooms allow plenty of space for family or for visitors. REF 9373

- Detached house
- Four bedrooms
- Downstairs wc
- Off street parking
- Single garage
- Plenty of garden for the family

Check this out!

Guide Price
£200,000 - £210,000
Soham
Versatile Living Space
EPC C

Adaptable living space makes this house ideal if you want the house to fit in with your needs. Teenagers who would love a floor of their own, or maybe family space on ground floor and top floor - parents only!! If working from home is what you do, keeping the office on the first floor away from distractions could be the perfect solution. Or maybe, you need all four bedrooms ... as bedrooms! Whatever your need, this home has a versatility that can make it work for you. REF 8685

Come and see how it could work for you

Space for all!
Stretham
£215,000
EPC D

Four bedrooms balanced beautifully with a lovely lounge/dining room made this the perfect choice for my sellers when they found here. The lounge is open to the dining room/play room but could be separated if preferred. Patio doors leading to the garden makes a great family space. Plenty of doors and windows out to the garden make it a great space - light and bright and easy for children and dogs to get outside to play. Could you imagine yourself here? REF: 9360

Field views out back!

A Pool With A View!
Southery
£270,000
EPC C

Great living space inside, amazing parking facilities and a swimming pool in the garden! A perfect home for the older family to enjoy. Teenagers will love entertaining their friends in their private heated pool while the parents watch from on high. The bungalow is situated in the village of Southery which is family friendly, having the primary school in the village and the school bus picking up for Downham Market Senior School and Methwold High School. The youth club and recreation ground gives kids something to do while the two local pubs within walking distance can keep the adults entertained if it's too cold for a pool party. REF 9404

What more could you ask for?!

Guide Price £290,000 - £300,000

Simply Stunning! EPC C

Ely

A beautifully presented bungalow tucked away in a cul de sac just off Kings Avenue in the ever popular city of Ely. A modern bright interior with plenty of room for those looking for life on one level without compromising on living space - a great home for the young at heart looking to the future and plenty of space for the family to visit. REF: 9384

- Detached bungalow
- Three bedrooms
- Two receptions
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EPC D

Mepal

Life on one level with exceptional space outside and lovely proportioned rooms inside. This recently decorated bungalow is perfect if DIY is your idea of hell and being chain free, it is ready and waiting for you. REF 9410

- Three bedrooms
- Kitchen /breakfast room
- Lounge/dining room
- En suite to master
- Large plot (additional garden)
- Chain free

Chain free!

Guide Price £300,000 - £320,000

A Slice Of History!

EPC F

Haddenham

This beautiful cottage has been home to my seller for 18 years, she hopes the new owners love the sense of history as much as she has. The space downstairs will impress and the open fireplace is a delight. A rare find indeed! Is this your next home? REF: 9422

- Three bedrooms
- Three receptions
- Downstairs wc
- Upstairs bathroom
- Garage en bloc with parking
- Chain free

How about this for cosy!

Guide Price £285,000 - £295,000

Plenty Of Room To Expand And Grow!

EPC C

Soham

Whether you have a large family or enjoy having visitors to stay, this home has plenty of versatility! The living areas are all on the ground floor, creating a very sociable space. The lounge comfortably fits at least three sofas, and the kitchen/breakfast room and separate dining room provide further seating and entertaining space-ideal for family parties. Offered chain free! Call to view now! REF 9395

- Detached home
- Five bedrooms
- Kitchen/breakfast room
- Separate dining room
- Garage and parking
- Chain free

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Padnal Bank

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- Detached timber framed house
- Four bedrooms
- All weather 60 x 20 arena
- 8 stables and 9 paddocks
- 5 acre hayfield
- Multiple storage barns /sheds

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LITTLEPORT £335,000

- Detached chalet bungalow
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- Modern detached bungalow
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- Garage and garden
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- Established detached house
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- End terrace townhouse
- Well presented throughout
- 3 double bedrooms
- Lounge/dining room
- Fitted kitchen
- Ensuite to master bedroom
- Garage and garden
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SUTTON £239,950

- Currently under construction
- Fitted kitchen b'fast room
- Lounge
- 3 bedrooms
- En-suite and bathroom
- Garage and garden
- Gas heating
- Predicted EPC B

SOHAM £299,950

- Modern townhouse
- Cul-de-sac location
- Spacious and well presented
- 2 groundfloor bedrooms
- Lounge and kitchen on 1st floor
- Master suite and 2 further
- bedrooms on 3rd floor
- EPC rating C

LT DOWNHAM O.I.R.O. £189,950

- Modern semi detached house
- Popular village location
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- facing garden
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- Garden
- Parking
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- Bathroom
- En-Suite
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ELY £1,150 PCM

- 3/4 Bedrooms
- Study (Bedroom 4)
- Fitted Kitchen/Diner
- Lounge
- Garage/Parking
- En-Suite
- EPC Rating C
- LET

ELY £1,400 PCM

- 4 Bedrooms
- Fitted Kitchen
- Lounge
- Dining Room
- Conservatory
- Double Garage
- EPC Rating D
- LET

STUNTNEY £1,600 PCM

- 5 Bedrooms
- Fitted Kitchen
- Study
- Lounge
- Dining Room
- Double Garage
- EPC Rating D
- Available April 2015 (Admin Fees Apply)

WITCHFORD £1,600 PCM

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A modern three bedroom home, immaculately presented throughout on this popular residential development.

3 bedrooms, bedroom one with en suite, family bathroom, lounge, dining room, kitchen, cloakroom, gas central heating, rear garden, garage and parking. EPC rating: B

£229,950

NEW

STRETHAM

£279,950

A three bedroom detached bungalow in this rarely available location, close to the centre of the village.

3 bedrooms, bathroom, kitchen/breakfast room, lounge/dining room, conservatory, oil central heating, garage and driveway, front and rear gardens, no upward chain. EPC rating: E

NEW

ALDRETH

£275,000

A beautifully presented an completely refurbished three bedroom bungalow nicely situated in this popular village with views over surrounding countryside.

3 bedrooms, bathroom, hall, sitting room, kitchen/breakfast room, cloakroom, double glazing, electric central heating and off-road parking. EPC rating: E

NEW

STRETHAM

£237,500

An individually built and larger than average two bedroom home with generously proportioned accommodation.

2 double bedrooms, bathroom, cloakroom, lounge/dining room, kitchen/breakfast room, rear porch, conservatory, double glazing, oil central heating, front and rear garden, driveway and single garage, no upward chain. EPC rating: E

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SUTTON **£224,950**

An attractive modern three bedroom home, set on a popular development within the village of Sutton.

3 bedrooms, bedroom one with en suite, family bathroom, lounge, dining room, kitchen, cloakroom, gas fired central heating, rear garden, garage and parking. EPC rating: C

STRETHAM **£219,950**

This double fronted, three bedroom Victorian character house is in the popular village of Stretham on the Cambridge side of Ely, giving easy access to the A10. The pleasant courtyard garden is adjacent to the local Church, with its stained glass windows in easy view.

3 bedrooms, bathroom, lounge, dining room, kitchen, electric heating, courtyard garden. EPC rating: E

ELY **£164,950**

A modern two bedroom terrace home in an excellent location, not far from Ely's train station.

2 bedrooms, en suite, bathroom, open plan kitchen/dining area/lounge, allocated parking and communal gardens. EPC rating: C

NEW

LITTLEPORT **£159,950**

A delightful and beautifully presented two bedroom semi detached cottage close to the centre of this well served village.

2 bedrooms, bathroom, lounge, dining room, kitchen/breakfast room, utility/rear hallway, cloakroom, gas central heating, enclosed rear courtyard garden and brick built shed and work shop. EPC rating: C

NEW

LITTLEPORT **£142,500**

An attractive modern terraced home providing comfortable two bedroom accommodation.

2 bedrooms, sitting room, kitchen, cloakroom, bathroom, allocated parking, gas central heating and double glazing. EPC rating: B

PYMOOR **£177,500**

A recently refurbished semi detached three bedroom home centrally placed within this popular Fenland village.

3 bedrooms, family bathroom, entrance hall, sitting/dining room, kitchen, double glazing, parking and garage. EPC rating: D

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WILBURTON £550 pcm

A 1 bedroom ground floor flat barn conversion. Kitchen 9'9 x 6' with white goods and base and wall units. Double bedroom 17'8 x 9'7, storage cupboard and shower wet room with white suite. Lounge 15'2 x 12'3. Electric heating, on street parking, village location and good road network with access to Cambridge, Ely, St.Ives and Huntingdon. EPC band D (61)

SOHAM £720 pcm

A well appointed maisonette. Lounge with Karndean flooring, step down into the kitchen with base & wall units along with white goods. Bedroom 2 - white bathroom suite with shower over bath. Upstairs the master bedroom has separate dressing area & wet room. 2 x off road parking spaces to the rear of property. EPC band C (78)

ELY £530 pcm

A well presented one bedroom end of terrace house approximately one mile from the City centre. Freshly decorated. Accommodation comprises of Lounge with new carpet, Kitchen with oven & hob, Bedroom, Bathroom, Electric heating. Parking for two cars. EPC awaited

LITTLE DOWNHAM £750 pcm

A 3 bedroom detached house. Lounge with wood burner in brick surround, Kitchen & door into Dining room with French doors leading out to rear garden. Utility with wc & plumbing for washing machine. Bedroom 1 with wardrobes, Family bathroom with white suite & shower over bath. Enclosed rear garden. Street parking. EPC Awaited.

ELY £625 pcm

A two bedroom mid terrace house convenient for the City centre and railway station. Accommodation comprises of a Lounge, Dining Room, Kitchen and Bathroom. Gas central heating and garden. EPC band E (54)

LITTLEPORT £1,100 pcm

A Modern four Bedroom semi detached Town House. Hall, Kitchen/Diner: Oven, hob, fridge/ freezer, washing machine & dishwasher. Lounge, Utility Room, Bed 1 with En Suite shower room & double wardrobe. Family Bathroom with shower over bath. Gas central heating. Garage. Garden with decked area. EPC band C (76)

ELY £950 pcm

Leasehold. 740 sq ft overall Attractive modern shop/retail unit situated at a prominent position close to the centre of the city centre and Cathederal area. Suitable for A1/A2 retail/office uses only.

SOHAM £660 pcm

Two bedroom barn conversion. On entrance and off the hallway is the lounge with gas fire. Wc. Kitchen with gas cooker and single door to front garden, both bedrooms have natural wood flooring and Velux windows. Bathroom with separate bath and shower. Outside is parking off road for two cars and a shingled garden area at the front of property. No rear garden. EPC band E (48)

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Your Guide to Moving Home

Moving home can be a complicated business and in the hectic run up to the big day it is all too easy to forget something vital. The team offers their readers this handy checklist to help avoid any major pitfalls. We suggest you tick them off as you go....

1 4-2 WEEKS TO GO:

- ❑ **Packing** – start packing and sorting through your belongings. Now is a good time to de-clutter and pack items rarely used. Make sure you have plenty of sturdy boxes, bubble wrap and sticky tape.
- ❑ **Removal companies** – get estimates from removal companies, checking that comprehensive insurance cover is available against damage or loss. Is there a packing and unpacking service? Confirm the date of your move with the firm you have chosen.
- ❑ **Insurance** – check on your home contents insurance policies to ensure that you are covered for the move, and covered at your new address.
- ❑ **Utilities** – make arrangements for your gas and electricity meters (plus water meters where relevant) to be read and all your appliances to be disconnected on the day of your move. Arrange to take over gas and electricity at your new address, and make sure that all appliances will be properly fitted, plumbed or connected.
- ❑ **Telecommunications** – Notify your telephone and broadband provider and ask them to make the necessary arrangements for a final account at your present address, and for taking over or installing telephone and broadband facilities at your new home.
- ❑ **Post** – Look into re-directing your post for a few months to make sure you receive all relevant correspondence.
- ❑ **Children** – Look into the possibility of your children, especially young children, staying with family or friends on the day of the move.
- ❑ **Pets** – Make arrangements for any pets to be booked into a cattery or kennels if required. Having your pets microchipped is a good idea and if already microchipped, have the address changed to your new one. Your vet can advise on this.

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Change of address – tell companies and organisations that you are moving!

Notify:

- ❑ Employer
- ❑ Inland revenue
- ❑ Local council
- ❑ Banks or Building Societies
- ❑ Credit companies, store cards & other accounts
- ❑ Gas, Electricity and water boards
- ❑ Insurance companies
- ❑ Land / mobile phones
- ❑ Internet and cable / satellite TV providers
- ❑ Doctor, Dentist and Opticians
- ❑ DVLA
- ❑ Veterinary surgery
- ❑ TV Licensing

3 1 WEEK TO GO:

- ❑ **Delivery address** – change delivery address of your Cambridge News, milk, groceries and fuel to your new address as appropriate.
- ❑ **Laundry** – do any last minute laundry that you can – have you arranged for a plumber to disconnect your washing machine correctly?
- ❑ **Kitchen cupboards** – go through your kitchen cupboards and throw out anything not in date. Also check that all jars and bottles are correctly sealed before packing.
- ❑ **Fridges / Freezers** – empty and clean out in preparation for moving. If you are moving a freezer and its contents, turn it up to maximum for a couple of days before you move.
- ❑ **Valuables / documents** – put these in safe place for moving day

4 2-1 DAYS TO GO:

- ❑ **Packing** – pack a bag for overnight essentials and toiletries and finish all remaining packing into boxes. Remember to label which room each box is destined for.
- ❑ **Snack box** – pack a box for the kitchen to include essentials like tea, coffee and sugar, as well as the kettle and mugs! Also include other snacks as necessary.
- ❑ **Dismantle and disconnect** – take down curtains, fixtures and fittings and disconnect white goods ready for transport.
- ❑ **Outdoor items** – make sure that these are stacked together and ready to be moved.
- ❑ **Mobile** – place your mobile on charge the night before moving and ensure that all relevant people have your number.

5 ON MOVING DAY:

AT YOUR OLD ADDRESS:

- ❑ Strip beds and pack bedding and nightclothes.
- ❑ Finish packing toiletries box.
- ❑ Direct removal firm personnel or friends helping you move as to what needs to be done.
- ❑ Turn off electric appliances.
- ❑ Disconnect cooker.
- ❑ Turn off boiler / central heating.
- ❑ Turn off water.
- ❑ Read gas meter.
- ❑ Read electricity meter.
- ❑ Secure all windows.
- ❑ Lock all doors.
- ❑ Make final checks and leave key as arranged with new owners.

AT YOUR NEW HOME:

- ❑ Open up & have a look around the new house.
- ❑ Locate fuse box, gas and electric meter and stop cock for reference.
- ❑ Take readings on gas, electric and water meters as appropriate.
- ❑ Organise the direction of boxes to appropriate rooms.
- ❑ Check the van after all is unloaded.
- ❑ Make the beds up for the evening.
- ❑ Sit down and relax – unpack the other boxes the next day.

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Celia's in Ely

CELIA Imrie has been doing ever so well thanks to the current "grey pound" and "silver screen" drive.

With an ageing population and retirees having more time to hole up in the cinema (we're very jealous), it's bizarre the film industry hasn't taken note sooner. There's definitely enough demand for more heart-warming, witty movies like *Calendar Girls* and *Quartet* to have the big bosses gleefully slapping their hands together.

Who in their right mind would ever turn down a chance to see Maggie Smith and Judi Dench on screen? Exactly, no one.

Imrie, 62, recently told *The Guardian:* "It's rather fashionable to be my age at the moment. I'm lucky that *Calendar Girls* and *The Best Exotic Marigold Hotel* came along when I was the right age to be cast in them. "If I'd been any younger I'd have missed out."

And she's right, hence why her debut novel, *Not Quite Nice,* is tapping into the trend too. "I'm writing about my age group, I suppose, much as I'm loath to admit how old I am."

Not Quite Nice, which the Guildford born actress is talking about at Topping & Company Booksellers in Ely, comes with a jacket that has all the hallmarks of the kind of fluffy, sunny read you'd pick up last minute at the airport, but don't let that put you off.

Set in the South of France, it's a comedy pivoting on the madcap relationships of a group of British expats in Nice – where Imrie has an apartment of her own.

Having starred as the rudely interfering Una in Bridget Jones and as the sex-starved Madge Hardcastle in the *Best Exotic Marigold Hotel* movies, Imrie knows all about comic characters.

Good thing she's signed a two-book deal then.

■ **Celia Imrie, Topping & Company Booksellers, Ely, Tuesday, March 17 at 7.30pm. Tickets £6-£7 from (01353) 645005 / toppingbooks.co.uk.**

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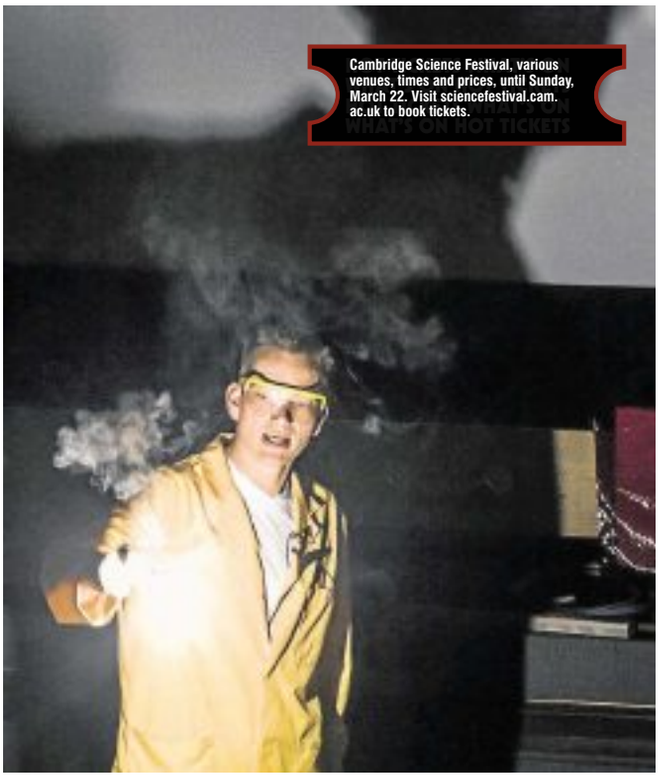
ROUND UP

■ Delve into the world of Caroline of Ansbach, wife of the much ignored King George II, with historian and broadcaster Lucy Worsley. After the success of the presenter's recent BBC Four series, The First Georgians, and her book *Courtiers*, The Secret History of the Georgian Court, she'll be sharing insights into the strange goings on of the Georgian court and facts about her favourite queen at Cambridge Arts Theatre. "The fattest, funniest and cleverest queen ever to sit on the throne," Worsley will illustrate Caroline's tumultuous life and marriage using a collection of 18th century paintings, court memoirs, palace diaries and intimate letters, from the time. You'll find out just how an orphaned German princess ended up on the British throne. Worsley was born in Reading and studied Ancient and Modern History at Oxford University before getting a job with English Heritage as a property inspector. Since then she has being a renowned and knowledgeable figure on the historical house and palace scene, and made numerous BBC documentaries on everything from royal wardrobes and antiques, to 'tales of the royal bedchamber' and 17th century housewives. Go armed with intrigue and lots of questions. It's going to be far more fascinating than your average history class.

■ The Woman in Black, Cambridge Arts Theatre, Monday, March 16 – Saturday, March 21 at 7.45pm. Tickets £15-£30 from (01223) 50333 / cambridgeartstheatre.com.

FESTIVAL

Cambridge Science Festival



Cambridge Science Festival, various venues, times and prices, until Sunday, March 22. Visit sciencefestival.cam.ac.uk to book tickets.

CAMBRIDGE Science Festival runs until Sunday, March 22 which means another week and a half of madcap workshops, intriguing talks and crackling, whizzing, booming experiments to gets hands-on with, whatever your age.

Here are some highlights:

1. The naked apes

Two hairless comedians asking what it really means to be human.

Thursday 12, CB2 Café, 8pm, £5.50, adults

2. Hands-on biology

Hills Road Sixth Form students will be on hand to help you identify biological specimens, smells and creepy crawlies, try out mirror tracing and discover what an owl had for dinner. *Saturday 14, Cambridge Corn Exchange, 10am / Sunday 15, 11am, free, all ages*

3. Searching for intelligence in the legs: Robotic legs are far more challenging to build and use than arms, surprisingly. Find out why with Dr Fumiya Iida who'll also be able to tell you whether robots will be running around any time soon.

Friday 13, Mill Lane Lecture Rooms, free, over 15s

4. The chemistry of light

Prepare to 'oohh' and 'aahh' over a series of demonstrations about light, courtesy of Dr Peter Wothers. He'll be taking you through the history of humans using and making light work to their advantage, through various experiments.

Saturday 14 – Monday 16, Department of Chemistry, BMS Lecture Theatre, University Chemical Laboratory, free, over 8s

5. Festival of the Spoken Nerd: Talk Nerdy To Me

These are geeks with class. Steve Mould is all about quirky experiments that'll make you go 'wow!' while songstress Helen Arney transforms formulae and astounding facts into chuckle-worthy tunes.

Saturday 14, Cambridge Union Society, 8pm, £6-£8, adults

6. Enigma and the secret world of code breaking

If you're fascinated by all things code related this is the event for you. Dr James Grime will take you through the history of secret messaging, and give a demonstration on an original WWII Enigma machine. *Saturday 14 March, Mill Lane Lecture Rooms, 10.30am, free, over 8s*

7. Looking into how the brain is built Your brain is the most complex machine known to man, but technology is making steps to catch up. During this talk you'll be able to begin to get to grips with the cellular design of the brain. *Saturday 14, Department of Physiology, Development and* Neuroscience, *Main Lecture Theatre, Physiology Building, 11am, free, over 12s*

8. "Betwixt Truth and Truth": debating science and religion at Christ's College, Cambridge

You can't have a science festival without the question of God coming up. Explore how some of the greatest minds on both sides of the issue have wrangled over the finer points of religion versus scientific reason.

Saturday 14, Christ's College, Old Library, 10am – 4pm, free, all ages

9. Surgery simulation: conduct your own operation

Don't worry, no-one will be cutting open real bodies, but you might get to take part in a simulated operation, helped along by a real life surgeon prepared to answer all your questions.

Sunday 22, Clinical School, Cambridge Biomedical Campus, 11am-4pm, free, over 12s

10. Everest Lab

TV Science Presenter Greg Foot and Medical Show presenter Nick Insley explain what your body goes through in extreme conditions, like the time they trekked to the Everest Base Camp…

- Sunday 15, Lady Mitchell Hall, Sidgwick Site, 3.45pm, free, over 8s

11. SciScreen: Jurassic Park

Find out all about the science that went into making Jurassic Park – how did they make the dinosaurs look so real?! *Monday 16, Arts Picturehouse, Cambridge, 6.30pm, usual film prices apply, over 12s*

12. The Naked Scientists on BBC Radio Cambridgeshire

Indulge in a whole day of scientific discovery, with a finale courtesy of The Naked Scientists who fire sausages from vacuum bazookas, sizzle gherkins on an electric chair and measure the speed of light in a microwave oven.

Thursday 12, BBC Radio Cambridgeshire, The Mark Forrest Show

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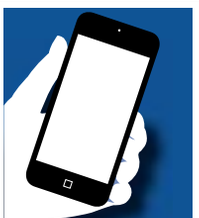

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DRAMA: The Reduced Shakespeare Company will be headlining the festival.

A summer of local arts

A FEAST of theatre, visual art, literature and music is promising to make the Isle of Ely Arts Festival 2015 the biggest and best to date.

And *Ely News* is delighted to be the festival's official media partner this year.

The extravaganza kicks off on June 10 and is running right the way through to July 12 – providing people of all ages across East Cambridgeshire 33 days of fantastic local entertainment.

This year, thanks to Arts Council funding, the festival committee is working with more partners, in more venues and programming more events across the district with an emphasis on a 'family friendly' line-up.

Sheila Friend-Smith, chair of the festival, said: "This year's festival sees professional touring companies The Reduced Shakespeare Company and Comedy4Kids as festival highlights.

"There will also be originally commissioned work in the festival programme, Lantern Dance working with professional choreographers and dance from professional company Stop Gap Theatre will create a new work.

"Look out for Cambridge Open Studios, a flourishing community of artists and craftspeople, who will be touring a big yellow art bus to venues around the district running free art workshops and exhibitions during the month."

Haddenham Galleries will host drama, music and art activities as part of their five-day series of events. Literature is not forgotten as in addition to Ely501 – a children's writing competition run by Burrows and Mr Simms – a group of local poets Fenspeak will be working with Page to Performance to bring poetry to life and inspire new poetry fans with a Poetry Slam.

Ely Sinfonia, Ely's own community orchestra will run music workshops in local schools culminating in a performance in Ely Cathedral.

There will also be a host of other local arts activity. In the Festival's opening three days you can enjoy Swaffham Bulbeck's Summer Theatre in a Barn production of Gilbert & Sullivan's The Gondoliers.

The festival comes to a close on July 12 with the final day of the Ely Folk Festival, a bijou weekend of folk and roots music.

Mrs Friend-Smith said: "We are currently putting together our festival brochure so if you have an arts or community event planned during the festival month do send us information for a free listing online and in our distinctive brochure which will be distributed throughout the district.

"Please contact the festival committee on (01353) 663118 for more information. Deadline for brochure entries is Friday, April 17."

Alternatively, visit www.isleofelyartsfestival.com or sign up on Facebook for weekly updates.

ART

Local artists exhibiting at Ely's Old Fire Engine House

TALENTED artists Elizabeth Ikin and Chris Witchall are showcasing their work in Ely this month.

Elizabeth, from Stuntney, and Chris, from Sutton, are exhibiting their stunning paintings and drawings at the Old Fire Engine House, in St Mary's Street.

Chris' artwork is the result of two of his passions: a love of traditional painting and drawing techniques and a fascination with the photographic image, whether it be landscapes and seascapes or actual events.

Some of those photographs then become the inspiration for highly detailed, realist paintings and drawings.

Elizabeth also makes pictures from photographs. Her last exhibition at the Old Fire Engine House, 'The River Great Ouse', concentrated on the world beyond the riverbank, revealing the riches just beneath the surface of the water.

However, for many years the sea, landscape and trees were her main subjects, and in her new exhibition, Windows onto the Fens, she visits some ideas from her past work.

The duo's work is on show until March 29.

The Old Fire Engine House gallery is open from 10.30am-10.30pm Monday to Friday and from 10.30am-5.30pm on Saturdays and Sundays. Call (01353) 662582 for more information.

CLOSER TO HOME

- 'PRIDE' – winner of the 2015 BAFTA for Outstanding debut by a British writer and producer – is being screened in Ely on Saturday, March 14.
The Amnesty International Ely City Group is hosting the screening at the Old Palace at 7.30pm.
Tickets are £6.50 and all profits will go towards Amnesty's human rights work.
For tickets, visit www.wegottickets.com or pop into Burrows Bookshop in Ely.

- 1990 film, The Match Factory Girl, is being screened in Ely on Monday, March 16.
The Ely Film Society screening is at the Old Palace at 7.30pm and all are welcome.
Call (01353) 668639 or visit www.elyfilmsociety.com for more information.

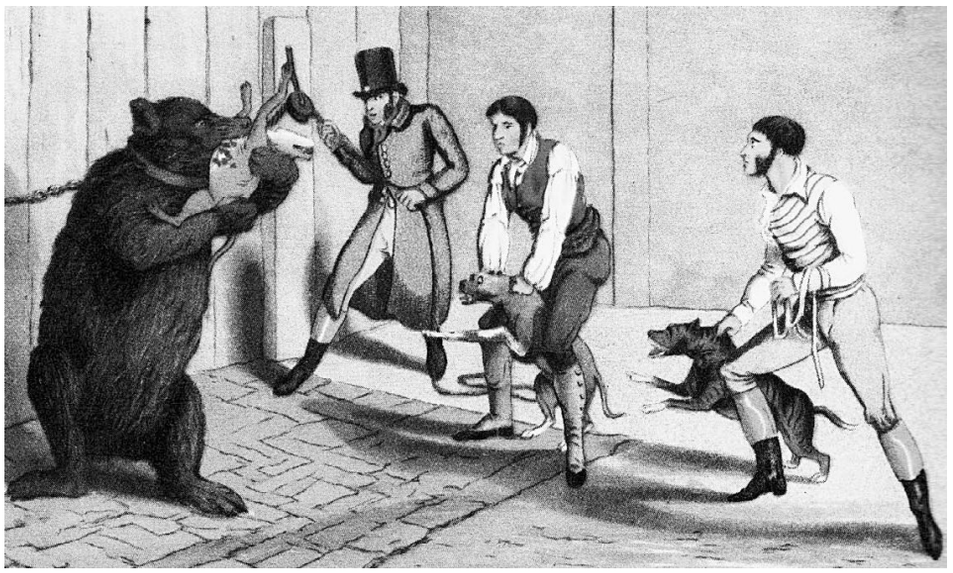
- ELY Consort are gearing themselves up for a musical extravaganza at Ely Methodist Church this month.
The concert, entitled Cantate Domino, is on Saturday, March 14 and the programme will feature works by Handel, Bach, Purcell and Lotti, to name just a few.
The event starts at 7.30pm and tickets are £8 in advance or £10 on the door. Call (01353) 669759 or pop into Burrows Bookshop in Ely.

- MARK Spafford is hosting a ballroom and sequence dance at Prickwillow's Hiam Sports and Social Club on Saturday, March 14 from 8-11pm.
On Friday, March 20 there will also be a line dance disco at the club with The Record Machine. Call (01353) 688269.

- LEGENDARY Irish musician Brendan Shine is entertaining the crowds at The Brook in Soham on Saturday, March 14.
The special St Patrick's celebration kicks off at 9pm and tickets are £20.
On Friday, March 20 there is also a Take That tribute night at the venue from 8.30pm onwards. Tickets are £15.50.
Call (01353) 721748 or visit www.brookentertainment.co.uk.

- ELY Sinfonia will be premiering two major new works exploring the themes of war, resistance, conflict and resolution at Ely Cathedral this month.
The poignant concert to mark 100 years since the start of the First World War is on Saturday, March 21 at 7pm.
Tickets are £12, £10 for concessions or £7.50 for under-17s.
Call (01353) 660349 or visit http://tickets.elycathedral.org.

- MCABRA Mysteries and Wilburton Theatre Group are hosting a murder mystery night in the village on Saturday, March 28.
The fun kicks off at 7.30pm and tickets, priced at £15, are available from Wilburton Post Office or by calling (01353) 740321. Tickets include a two-course meal, but not drinks.



ANIMAL ATTRACTION: Bear-baiting in the Georgian era. As the advert promised, "the Great Muscovy Bear" was to be "baited at the Wrestler-Inn in the petty Cury, Cambridge"

Bear-baiting, bodysnatching and burning people alive? It's all part of Cambridge's hidden (and rather horrible) past, as Dr David Barrowclough, who lives in Ely, reveals in an intriguing new book. Emma Higginbotham meets him.

Digging up our horrible

HIGHWAY STAR: A contemporary sketch of Dick Turpin – here starting at the sight of a gallows – on his way to York. He was eventually to be hanged there. His right leg was seen to tremble as he stepped on to the gallows, where he shortly after threw himself from the ladder, instantly breaking his neck

Head of state that ended up on a pole

"THE story of Oliver Cromwell's head is a real Cambridge story. That's it there," says David, pointing to the photograph. "It's hideous! You can see he's got that traditional puritanical haircut. . ."

Here's the story in a nutshell: Cromwell died in 1658, and was buried with full honours in Westminster Abbey. But when the monarchy was restored, Charles II, bent on revenge for his father's death, ordered Cromwell's body to be disinterred.

In 1661, his corpse was dug up, hanged on a gibbet, then his head was cut off and impaled on a spike at Westminster Hall. There it stayed for 20 years – until it blew off in a storm. A sentry claimed it as a trophy, took it home, and hid it up his chimney.

Over the next two centuries, the head changed hands between the likes of a Swiss-French collector of curiosities, a comic actor and a wealthy goldsmith. It finally ended up with the Wilkinson family, who eventually decided that it should be reinterred.

David writes: "[Horace Wilkinson] contacted Cromwell's old college in Cambridge, Sidney Sussex, and on 25 March 1960 it was buried in a secret location in the college, within the oak box in which the Wilkinson family had kept the head since 1815. The only witnesses to the burial were members of the family and representatives of the college."

APPEARANCES can be deceptive. Cambridge may seem quaint and genteel, a hotbed of nothing much hotter than a warm scone and a nice cup of Earl Grey, but delve into its murky history and you'll uncover all manner of guts and gore, from poisonings and animal baiting to burnings and witchcraft.

It's all recorded in a fascinating (and very readable) new book, *Bloody British History: Cambridge*, by Wolfson College fellow Dr David Barrowclough, who lives in Ely.

And appearances are deceptive here too: super-smiley and quick to laugh, David is the last person you'd expect to be a fan of the macabre – yet the archaeologist says he has absolutely revelled in digging up the city's dirty underside.

Part of a series about the dark history of British cities, the book is packed with eye-opening (and often eye-watering) tales from the past. But while some may be familiar – town and gown rioting, author Lawrence Sterne's 'bodysnatched' corpse turning up at a university anatomy class, or the Cambridge Spies doing their dastardly deeds – others are likely to be completely new to you.

Did you know, for example, that murderous highwayman Dick Turpin used to frequent a dodgy pub on Castle Hill? Or that Petty Cury was a hotspot for bear-baiting, while bull-baiting was a regular event on Peas Hill? Or that the famous Bumps has seen both rowers and spectators being impaled, drowned, and struck by lightning?

David grins when I mention this one: "Yes, I shouldn't laugh, should I?" he chuckles. "There are lots of books about Cambridge already, but a lot of them, not being rude, they do repeat things time and time again, and I was trying to dig out things that hadn't really been written about before."

The affable academic, who two years ago wrote a similar book about Ely, spent around 18 months doing his research.

He busied himself in the archives of the University Library, "just searching through old records, diaries and newspaper collections; once you start digging into one, you get a reference to something else, and you chase that reference up – so it's a detective story in that way.

"I knew some of it, but I didn't know all of it," he adds. "I didn't know about Dick Turpin; he's normally either associated with London or York, but Cambridge was a place he came and hid out when it got a bit hot for him.

"And I didn't know about the Three Tuns Inn, which was basically a thieves' den of iniquity." Now demolished, the notorious Castle Hill boozer crops up several times in the book: "It was a favourite haunt of his, and of other highwaymen, and of the vagabonds that went with it."

Does he have a favourite story?

"I thought the one about the chimney sweeps was interesting," he says.

"All the colleges keep their silver and valuables locked up, and several colleges found that they'd had their valuables stolen from inside a locked room – and they couldn't work out how this was happening. So they issued a reward, and basically some nosey neighbours thought that one of their neighbours was a bit more prosperous than he should be, and that led them to suspect this guy."

The man in question was a chimney sweep, "and in the process of cleaning all the college chimneys, he'd worked out how to get down into different rooms. He teamed up with a locksmith, and another guy who's described as a gypsy, whose job was to help them carry it, and they'd all climb down these chimneys at night, into these locked rooms, carry away the swag and then sell it. Two of them hung for it and the third one got away."

There does, I say, seem to be an awful lot of hanging in the book: "You were hanged for virtually everything," nods David. And 'pressing' too? "Pressing is horrible," he says. "That came about because, if you didn't plead at all to a charge, they couldn't confiscate your lands. Most people knew they were going to hang for whatever crime it was anyway, so they'd rather just say nothing: they'd end up being pressed to death, but their family would inherit their land and property.

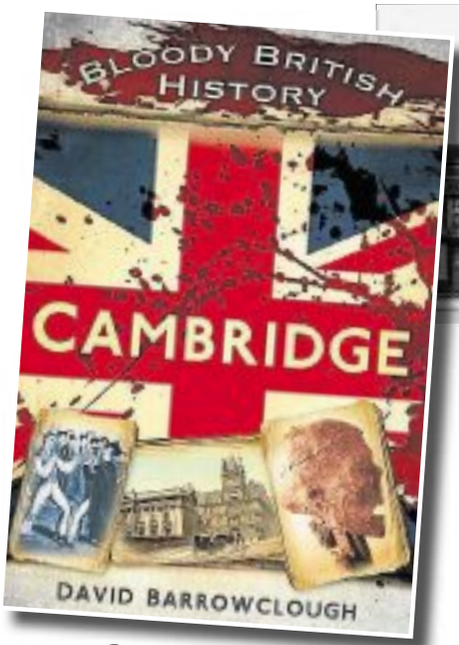
"They would be laid down on the floor, with their legs and arms tied, and then they'd put a board on them and put on stones, and iron, and they'd keep adding to it. It was a horrible way to die. It's hard to imagine, actually."

Writing about death is nothing new for David.

Growing up in the north-west, he had a boyhood fascination with the buried past ("I've always been interested in searching for King Arthur"), and came to Cambridge as a mature student in the 1990s to read archaeology at Wolfson.

He followed this with a PhD, then worked at the BBC, writing for archaeology and art programmes, "but the BBC's a young person's game really, and I got to the point where I was the oldest person in the room . . ."

He returned to his alma mater and, now in his late 40s, he's a fellow as well as director



FREEDOM OF THE PRESS: A nasty way to be executed, top, facing page; David Barrowclough's book, left; the Three Tuns Inn, above, a den of thieves frequented by all kinds of rogues, including notorious highwayman Dick Turpin

history . . .

of studies at Wolfson. "It's good fun," he says. "The students keep you young and on your toes."

Looking at his jolly face, I can't help remarking that he doesn't look like someone who'd write a book as dark as this.

"Well I have a side interest in it," admits David. "I have a little collection of my own at home – mummies and things like that. Not people!" he adds quickly. "I've got an Egyptian mummified cat. I found it in a car boot sale, believe it or not. There's a particular way the Egyptians bandaged things up, with a sort of criss-cross, and I thought 'That looks right . . .'" How much was it? "About 100 quid.

"And I've got a skull." Human this time? "Yes, it's an old anatomical one, from the early 20th century – they were often Indian people." So could it have been from one of the bodysnatchers' skeletons? "I'm afraid it couldn't! But goodness knows where they come from, to be honest."

So what was the most shocking story he came across for the book? "The Burwell fire was bad," he says.

It certainly was: in 1727, a group of travelling players put on a performance in one of the village's barns – more than 100 men, women and children crammed in to watch and, once they were in, somebody nailed the door shut, "probably to stop people coming in who weren't paying; a stupid thing to do."

See the book for the full story, but essentially it caught fire – and nearly everybody inside burned alive.

"More than 70 people died, and in a sense it's weird that people don't know about that."

Were there any stories that particularly touched him? "I was sad about the suicide of the Reverend Samuel Reeve at Caius," says David, referring to a senior proctor who hanged himself in a storeroom, and wasn't discovered for five months.

"They hadn't really missed him! But I didn't want to make too much of suicide in the book. I don't think it makes for good reading, particularly.

"And I suppose the burned alive story," he says, of the last man in Cambridge to be publicly executed in Cambridge, John Green. Back in the 1860s, a drunken Green killed a prostitute by beating her up then stuffing her into the furnace at the malt house where he worked.

"It's horrible enough to be murdered, but the actual sense of burning alive has a particular horror to it," says David.

So Cambridge IS, in fact, a hotbed of barbarity and inhumanity?

"Well the weird thing is, everyone says Cambridge is one of the safest places to live," he laughs. "Students are always told when they arrive: 'Be careful, but it is still one of the safest places to be'. And this sort of puts the lie to that, doesn't it?"

Watch your backs, people. Watch your backs . . .

PAST IMPERFECT: Historian David Barrowclough

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Everyone Active was awarded the accreditation following an independent assessment of its Learn to Swim scheme.

Jacqui Tillman, Everyone Active's group swim manager, said: "We are delighted to be the first leisure operator to receive the ASA Learn to Swim accreditation.

"It's a fantastic achievement and a testament to our commitment to helping more children learn to swim and be active.

"Our scheme has proven hugely successful across all of our 78 aquatic sites. We're proud to say that we deliver lessons to over 100,000 children every week."

Everyone Active was assessed on 30 elements of their provision, including how they implement their Learn to Swim programme, health and safety practices, safeguarding procedures and staff training.

Keith Sutton, head of the ASA's partnership provider programme, said: "Everyone Active has repeatedly demonstrated its commitment to providing good quality learn to swim provision across its sites and I am pleased this has been recognised with the ASA Accreditation."

Visit www.everyoneactive.com for more information.

AWARD WINNERS: Ross Taylor and Rod Garnham

Corkers judged top of the crops

CORKERS Crisps have brought another award home to Ely.

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Monthly business network

A NEW monthly business networking event is being launched in Ely.

The Ely Cathedral Business Group (ECBG) is starting 'Second Mondays' – a small, informal evening discussion session being held at the Royal Standard public house, in Forehill, on the second Monday of the month.

A spokesman for the business group said: "Our motivation for these gatherings is to encourage networking amongst ECBG members – building relationships, to learn about each other's businesses and professional lives, to share experiences, challenges and insights, and to inspire one another, and to pursue the ECBG theme and purpose: the success of business as a driver of wellbeing in our community."

The event will start at 6.45pm and will finish at around 8.30pm.

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Yaris set for Comic Relief fun

HILARIOUS: Toyota with humour ready for Red Nose Day on Friday

TOYOTA has spread some of its own Comic Relief spirit with a laughing car that responds to being tickled.

The firm created a 'ticklish' Yaris with special sensors to detect tickling, as well as celebrity laughter supplied by Comic Relief legend Lenny Henry.

As the ticklish Toyota travelled from London to Birmingham, Manchester and Glasgow, even the Mr Men's Mr Tickle got in on the act.

A press release written after the mini-tour said: "Everyone has been keen to discover just where the Toyota's tickle points are and enjoy its full repertoire of laughter."

The slice of Red Nose Day genius has helped to put Toyota well on course for its fund-raising target of £1 million.

And for those people who haven't yet had a chance to tickle the Yaris themselves, it's made more appearances across more Comic Relief fund-raising events, including the Wembley Danceathon on March 8.

Special red noses made for cars (or any other kind of vehicle) are available from Toyota dealers now, and are a great way to show support for great causes across the UK and Africa. All profits from sales of red noses go straight to Comic Relief.

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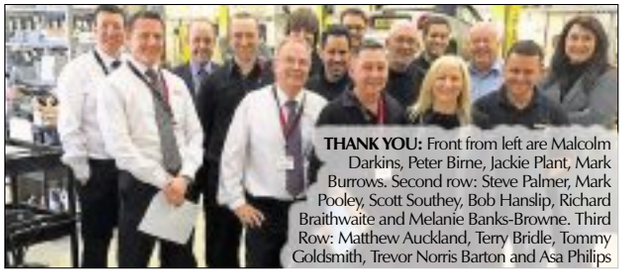

THANK YOU: Front from left are Malcolm Darkins, Peter Birne, Jackie Plant, Mark Burrows. Second row: Steve Palmer, Mark Pooley, Scott Southey, Bob Hanslip, Richard Braithwaite and Melanie Banks-Browne. Third Row: Matthew Auckland, Terry Bridle, Tommy Goldsmith, Trevor Norris Barton and Asa Philips

Cambridge star Peter retires after 43 years

JOHN Banks Honda bid farewell to its longest-serving employee ever last week.

Peter Birne has been working as a mechanic in Cambridge for 43 years.

He started in the body shop and went into service advising, always in Cambridge with the Renault brand, before the Wests franchise was taken over by John Banks to become John Banks Renault recently.

Senior service adviser Peter retired on March 27, aged 65, and "he had two leaving do's", according to his colleagues. Working for Wests, before it became John Banks, was Peter's second job ever!

"We'd like to thank Peter for his service to the Cambridge community and wish him all the best for his retirement," says chief executive of John Banks, Melanie Banks-Browne, who runs sites in Bury and Ipswich featuring Honda motorcycles as well as Honda, Renault, Dacia and Suzuki showrooms.

Peter is shown in the centre of the picture surrounded by his colleagues.

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Latest Honda Type R tagged at under £30k

HONDA has confirmed that the new and much anticipated Honda Type R will be priced sub £30k with the entry level model costing a shade under at £29,995. The GT version will cost an additional £2,300 at £32,295 and will come with a host of extras.

GT drivers will benefit from forward collision warning, traffic sign recognition system, lane departure warning, blind spot information including cross traffic monitor, dual control climate control, rain sensing auto wipers, dusk sensing auto lights, front and rear parking sensors, interior red ambient lighting, high beam support and Honda's new infotainment system, CONNECT, with GARMIN navigation system.

Unveiled at the Geneva Motor Show on Monday, the new 2015 Civic Type R will be powered by the most extreme and high-performing engine in the 22-year history.

MOVER: The Honda Type R

Car care 'is more vital than health'

BRITISH drivers are taking better care of their cars than their own health, according to new study from Halfords Autocentres.

Research from the garage chain into driver behaviour has found that while 83 per cent of motorists visit a garage regularly to keep on top of vehicle servicing and maintenance, only 17 per cent of people regularly visit a doctor for check-ups – with almost half (48 per cent) admitting they only visit a healthcare professional when they have a problem.

Amazingly two-thirds (66 per cent) of Brits feel that an annual health 'MOT' should be compulsory for people and more than three-quarters (76 per cent) believe they personally would benefit from having one. However, with no formal requirement for a health check today's busy lifestyles mean only 9 per cent of people visit their doctor even once a year.

Commenting on the findings, TV's Dr Pixie McKenna said: "It's shocking to learn of the chances people are prepared to take with their health. Just as a car needs a safety check at least once a year, your body also needs a thorough check from a professional.

"In my experience, men are always more reluctant to see what's going on under the bonnet when it comes to their health and it often takes something to be hanging off for them to take a begrudged trip to see the doctor. But when it comes to vehicles, it's most certainly the other way around!"

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EVENTING: Isleham Horse Trials

Gingell shines as top riders come to Isleham

TRIXIE Gingell was the stand-out local rider as the British Eventing season got off to its traditional start with the Isleham Horse Trials.

More than 500 competitors attended the event at Whitehall Farm, including some of the sport's top names, such as Zara Phillips, Pippa Funnell and Piggy French.

Gingell, from Horseheath, finished third in the opening BE100 event on Saturday riding Castorre, who was having his first outing at this level and is owned by Newmarket equine vet Huw Neal.

Bedfordshire-based Russian Tatiana Beskhmelnitskya was victorious riding Clonea King, narrowly holding off the challenge of Team GB rider French on Aubane Boy.

French went one better in the CJ Murfitt Ltd BE100 section B, triumphing on Jump Jet III. Gingell was ninth riding Endavor.

The Darley Stud Management BE100 Open section was won by Nat Dixon on her self-bred Hot Party Juice, while Mepal rider Alice Norman secured a top-20 finish riding Ultimate Diablo.

Having had a year off from eventing, Norman was pleased to jump clear on the cross-country, with just one pole down in the showjumping.

Bedfordshire rider Andrew James took the honours in the second BE100 Open section, riding Cavaliers Showdown.

In the Tigga's Saddlery BE90 section E, Norfolk rider Jane Anderson took a clear win by six points riding Jims Patch.

Section F was much closer as less than a point separated winning rider Emily Uden with Campion Capella and second-placed Abi Jacobs riding The Jays Ghost in Cavalier.

The day's final section, G's Group BE90 Open, was won by Suffolk's Mary Edmundson riding Jack in the Box II.

Sunday was the Novice and Intermediate sections and saw a number of international riders competing.

The Universal Garage Novice section I saw Olympic silver medalist Phillips in competition riding Hunua.

A good dressage score put them towards the top of the leaderboard. But two poles down in showjumping, followed by time penalties on the cross-country dropped them down the order, finishing just inside the top 20.

TAKING FLIGHT: Alida Tysterman riding Innocent Flight Picture: Gary Malkin

At the front, it could not have been closer as Charlie Clover riding Melford Solo tied with Georgie Strang riding Dukeofganymede.

On countback, first place was given to Clover as their time penalties on cross-country were lower.

Coming home seventh was Cambridgeshire rider Richard Skelt riding Meerlust Lady.

Section J saw a great performance from Suffolk-based Team New Zealand rider Caroline Powell.

Riding Shepherds Watch, she won the section and was also second with her own Sinatra Frank Baby, while finishing third was Laura Collett with Cooley Again.

The Green's of Soham Open Novice Section K saw Collett triumph riding Mr Bass.

Section L saw a win for Oliver Townend riding LCC Cooley.

Making her debut at novice level was Cambridgeshire's Alida Tysterman, riding her own Innocent Flight.

Taking a gap year to concentrate on her competition, Tysterman, who works at Produce World Isleham and had plenty of support around the course from her work colleagues, finished in the top 20.

In the Produce World Group Under-18 Open Novice, there was a narrow two-point win for East Sussex rider Felicity Collins riding Standlynch Accolade from Leicestershire's Fred Telfer on Glenomra Hero.

In the Open Intermediate Section N, there was more success for Townend riding ODT Ghareeb.

Going into the cross-country it was Laura Collett who led on Grand Manoeuvre, but time penalties on cross-country were enough to drop her to second as Townend went clear.

Finishing in eighth riding Sandman 7 was Funnell, who also took 11th place on Redesigned.

The Produce World Open Intermediate section saw more success for French, who triumphed riding Seapatrick Dark Cruise, while again in runner-up spot was Collett, this time riding Pamero 4.

Finishing just outside the top 10 was Phillips on High Kingdom.

The competition closed with the Produce World Group (Isleham) Intermediate section.

An already successful day for Collett ended well with a win riding Controe.

The organisers thanked the huge number of volunteers that helped run the event, which was held in aid of Addenbrooke's Charitable Trust.

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TABLE TENNIS

Destructive Dinkele delivers for the Imps

HARVEY Dinkele played a key role for Impington I in their draw with Ellesmere I in Ely & District League, Division One.

He registered a singles maximum and triumphed in the doubles alongside Bob Pettit, who got the Imps' other point of the night with a win over Rob Boyce.

It was a quieter evening for Helen Arnold as she took Joanne Pettitt to five legs but lost in three to Rhys Davies and Boyce.

Howard Morley gave NCI the perfect start against Soham with a faultless performance to defeat Clive Woollard.

However, Soham were quickly back in control of the match with Tony Everitt and Andreas Elia easing through all their games undefeated.

NCI kept the pressure on Woollard for the rest of the evening, with his remaining games going to five sets, but he held his nerve to beat Colin Taylor 14-12 and Kelvin Mitchell 11-9 in nail-biting deciding sets.

Elia and Everitt combined for a doubles victory against Morley and Mitchell to wrap up a 9-1 win for Soham.

Two-man Fulbourn II visited Elsworth I and managed to come away with a draw.

Jannek Hauser won his three, including a very close affair with Roger Fensom, and Nigel Bates won two before losing in five to Fensom.

With Peter Goatly and Ray Allen claiming their forfeits, Elsworth settled for the draw when Goatly joined Fensom to take the doubles.

Impington I still top the table, but Ely I have two games in hand and are only eight points behind.

In Division Two, Rob Pownall claimed his maximum for Ely IV against Fulbourn V, although he needed the fifth against David Lam.

Greg Ozog tried his best to provide some back-up, taking Lam to five and pushing Nick Gatherer hard, but he only succeeded against Julian Atudosie.

Gatherer and Lam took the doubles against Ozog and Karen Byford to give Fulbourn the match 6-4.

In Division Three, two wins each for Brian Mitchell and Steve Foulger, plus one from Tim Atkinson, saw Countess record a very satisfactory result against Fulbourn VII. The closest matches were Atkinson beating Manu Hathirimani and Foulger overcoming Carl Woolf in the fifth.

However, Woolf beat Mitchell and Rob Powell beat Foulger to set up a crucial doubles, which Countess won to take the match 6-4.

RUGBY UNION

Rampant Tigers in Mersea maul

ELY romped to a an 80-5 demoliton of Mersea Island in Greene King IPA Eastern Counties One.

They stormed into a 19-0 lead within the first three minutes, with Mitchell Kennett, Lloyd Palmer and Charlie Coupland all touching down, and Matt McCarthy landed two conversions.

After turning over a ruck, Lewis Harvey sprinted in from the 22 for another converted try, and the bonus point.

John Dibb off-loaded to Jim Storey for the next try and a minute later, Kennett touched down again.

Kevin Houghton had the final say of the first half, finishing off under the posts for Ely's seventh try to make it 52-0.

Ely started the second half hoping to put 100 points on the opposition, but play slowed slightly as Mersea held on to the ball when they could.

McCarthy got the first try of the second period and Lee Coulson then seized on a dropped ball to run through the defence to score.

A quick penalty allowed Kennett to complete his hat-trick and McCarthy soon followed suit to bring up the 80 points.

In the last play of the game, Mersea scored an unconverted try after constant pick and drives forced them over the line.

ATHLETICS

Parker wins gold

HOLLIE Parker won a gold medal at the Under 20, Under 17 & Under 15 Age Group Indoor Championships in Sheffield.

The King's School, Ely student was competing in the under-20 women's 1,500m, and she was first in 4min 38.51sec.

Parker was also in action in the 800m, and qualified for the final after finishing second in 2.13.27.

In the final, which was just an hour and a half after the 1,500m final, she was fifth.

Alex McGrath, head of senior schools at King's, said: "There is a proud athletic tradition at King's Ely, and we are immensely proud of Hollie's achievements."

CYCLING

Whitechurch on trial in opener

ELY & District Cycling Club/JT Cycles riders have turned their sights to the time trial season following a winter of training.

Colin Whitechurch launched his campaign in the Kettering CC 20, posting a time of 59min 49sec, while Robert Golding took part in the CC Breakland 10, finishing in a time of 23.24.

Meanwhile, the first round of the Mud, Sweat & Gears series took place at Shouldham Warren with Matt Eley and Liam Walker taking part.

Eley competed in the sport category and came home in sixth place, completing five laps in 1:39.22.

Walker finished in 30th place in the same category, managing four laps in the allocated time.

YOUTH FOOTBALL

Irvine hits a hat-trick

ISLEHAM under-12 girls continued their winning run with a resounding 7-1 win over Royston.

Talia Irvine scored a hat-trick with other goals coming from Amy McLean (2), Evie Jakes and Libby Coleman, who netted her first for the club.

Lewis Perry and Jai Fretwell earned Haddenham Rovers a share of the spoils in a 2-2 draw with Over Sports in Cambridge & District Colts League 13B.

Haddenham came from behind twice, with Perry ensuring they went in level at half time after finishing from Ben Marshall's pass and Fretwell's second-half strike from six yards securing a point.

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City of Ely's Brett is on top of the world

Bowls

NICKY Brett has become world No 1 following his victory in the Co-Operative Funeralcare International Open at Blackpool.

The City of Ely bowler beat Alex Marshall 12-4, 9-8 in the final to clinch his second World Bowls Tour crown of the season, following his retention of the Co-Operative Funeralcare Scottish International Open title last November.

That was enough to see the England international reach the summit in the world rankings for the first time.

A tearful Brett hugged his mother after lifting the trophy in the knowledge he had achieved the feat.

He said: "It is all but just a dream and I am so lost for words, I just cannot speak."

Sportingly, the first text Brett received on his mobile after claiming top spot was from Scottish bowler Paul Foster, the player he had knocked off the perch, congratulating him on his achievement.

After seeing off Damien Doubler and clubmate Greg Harlow in the early rounds, Brett held off compatriots Mark Dawes 10-3, 5-9, 2-1 in the quarter-finals and Les Gillett 9-7, 10-1 in the last four respectively to set up his showdown with Marshall.

In set one, it quickly became apparent that Brett, who has been dubbed the Ginger Ninja, was on fire with some incredible shots, making his Scottish rival work hard to stay with him.

Marshall, who beat Brett in the quarter-finals at the Just Retirement World Championships two months ago, felt the pressure as the Ely player would not let him in on his way to taking the first set by eight shots.

The second set was a close-fought affair, but Marshall needed a three on the final end and he played an outstanding last wood to split Brett's bowls away to hold the required score.

But with his last bowl, Brett played the draw shot needed to rest just inside Marshall's previous wood to take the match and the title.

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WIN: Nicky Brett (centre) with Robert Kearsley, of Partingtons Resorts, (right) and John Taylor, of Co-Operative Funeralcare

Goodjohn aims to move on up at welterweight

Boxing

TYLER Goodjohn is confident he will soon be back in the hunt for titles after moving up to welterweight.

After being stopped by John Wayne Hibbert in their WBC International light-welterweight title fight in January, the Wentworth boxer revealed he had faced a huge task making the 10st limit.

And despite the lure of big bouts in that division, Goodjohn, 23, who won the English title last October, said he could no longer safely keep his weight down.

He said: "For the last year-and-a-half I've been pushing the limit, and I had to lose nine pounds the day before the weigh-in for the last fight, which is just ridiculous.

"My training camp was perfect and everything went spot on. I had a really good nutritionist, but I still couldn't get the weight off and I had nothing in the fight.

"I could feel there was nothing there in the warm-up.

"I spoke to my trainer about it and I've more or less come to the conclusion that if I had to go back down to light-welter, I'd quit boxing.

"I know there are still big fights out there at light-welter and the fighter within me wants that, but I think my health has got to come first."

Goodjohn plans to make his return at the higher weight at London's York Hall in May with a six-rounder to ease himself in after getting back in the gym this week.

"My last six bouts have all been 10-round title fights, so I don't want anything too easy, but I need something to get me going," he said.

"I've just got to feel my way in, but I'm only 23 and I'm just making a name for myself.

"I don't think it will take long to get a pretty big fight and it would be nice if I could become English champion at two weights.

"But I haven't taken my time throughout my whole career, so we'll have to wait and see."

Goodjohn said he was relishing a fresh challenge.

He added: "I'm back with the rest of my stablemates now and I'm enjoying being around them because you're all going through it together."

Football

Robins pay for second half errors

AN improving Ely City reserves side lost a close game to Kershaw Senior A leaders Hemingfords United 3-1 at the weekend.

The Robins were the better side in the first half and after falling behind to an early goal, Danny Gibbs made it 1-1 at half time.

Two soft goals in the second half allowed United to claim the victory, but Ely boss Paul Neary was proud of his players.

"We didn't get the rub of the green in the first half and made silly errors in the second," he said.

"But we did some good things, and competed well which was great."

Neary has been in charge of the team for nine weeks and has been delighted with the team's progress.

"The players are starting to take on board what we want them to do," he continued.

"We're learning with every game and there's a big difference to when I first took over."

Ely City, who did not have a game on Saturday, lost 2-0 at Gorleston on Tuesday night.

Soham fall to Needham loss

STEVE Fallon conceded Soham had no answer to Ryman League, North Division leaders Needham Market after suffering a 2-0 defeat.

Two goals in the first half from Sam Newson was enough to sink the Greens

"They were just too good for us," said Soham boss Fallon. "We did well to keep them to just two goals."

Soham return to action on Saturday when they host Thamesmead Town.

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